



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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Registration Form (may be copied)

**LOTT Seminar:
Women Making a Difference in Public Policy**

Name _____

Institution _____

Mailing Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Anticipated date of graduation _____

☐ I would like to share a room both nights at the Holiday Inn Express. Add \$90.00 to the program fee. Total = \$285.00

Roommate Preferred (if applicable):

☐ I would like a private room both nights at the Holiday Inn Express. Add \$180.00 to the program fee. Total = \$375.00

☐ I will make my own arrangements for overnight lodging. Total = \$195

Registration and refunds: All program fees are due at the time of registration. Registration deadline is December 29, 2000. Early registration is encouraged due to limited space. Requests for refunds must be in writing. Canceled registrations before December 29, 2000 will receive a full refund less a \$25 fee. No refunds will be made after this date, but a substitution will be allowed.

Make checks payable and send with registration form to: **LOTT - League of Women Voters of MN Education Fund**
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Leaders Of Today & Tomorrow

**Women Making a
Difference
in Public Policy**

January 18-20, 2001

A provocative, intensive public policy seminar encouraging the participation of college women in public policy and service. Seminar includes:

- Skill-building workshops
- Mentorship lunch with women in public policy
- Public Policy Career Exploration
- Panel Discussions with...
Supreme Court Justices
Women in the Media
State Legislators and Elected Officials

"To meet and speak with successful women who have accomplished major goals is definitely inspiring...the entire seminar was a life changing and incredible experience." - LOTT Participant

Leaders Of Today & Tomorrow (LOTT) was founded in 1993 as a program of the Minnesota Women's Consortium with guidance from area colleges and organizations. LOTT is currently a program of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund, which works to inspire the leadership of women in public life, recognizing that strong, diverse perspectives are needed in the nation.

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Education Fund**

Have you ever wondered?

...WHY there are so few women in elected offices and organizations that make public policy?

...HOW you as a college woman can make a difference?

...HOW Minnesota government and public policy really work?

LOTT will help...

- DEMYSTIFY the legislative process
- INCREASE awareness of issues vital to Minnesota
- MEET movers and shakers of public policy organizations
- CONNECT with women mentors affecting public policy
- SPEND hands on time with women leaders

Public policy affects everything you do.

Regardless of your current program of study – business, art, biology, human services, political science, LOTT can show you how to have a voice in decisions that impact your life.

Seminar speakers are Minnesota women leaders representing the legislature, courts, media, state and local agencies, and interest groups. Students learn how policy is shaped, how current public policy affects Minnesota citizens and how they themselves can influence policy.

LOTT's intensive, provocative seminars take you beyond the textbooks and classrooms to put you where the action is.

LOTT Participants have said:

"This was a fantastic experience that will be with me forever."

"It was a privilege to be involved in a conference that included brilliant, warm, friendly women from so many different colleges."

The LOTT program changed my life...LOTT gave me the confidence, inspiration and drive to take hold of life's opportunities."

"My advisor pushed me into coming... I didn't want to have anything to do with politics. But now I realize that I have no choice but to get involved... It's something we all have to do."

Date:

January 18-20, 2001. Seminar begins at 3:00 PM on Thursday, January 18 and ends at 2:30 PM Saturday, January 20.

Location:

Seminar locations include the Minnesota State Capitol complex, the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, and the Holiday Inn Express at Bandana Square in St. Paul.

Credit:

Students may earn college credits. The seminar offers a minimum of 15 hours of contact time. Check with your college registrar to determine eligibility.

Expenses:

Program fee of \$195 includes all meals, activities, transportation between sessions, and student membership in the League of Women Voters of MN. Accommodations are an additional fee (see registration form).

Scholarships:

Several schools offer scholarships to attend LOTT. Please check with your home institution for funds availability.

Limited scholarships are available through LOTT. Please contact out office for more information or an application. Awards will be determined by December 15, 2000.

NOTE: Scholarship application deadline is December 1st and is earlier than the seminar registration deadline.

LOTT seeks participants of diverse backgrounds and locations from all around the state and encourages women of color and/or from greater Minnesota to apply.

CITIZENS IN ACTION CONFERENCE

Beyond Elections -- How to Make a Difference

Saturday, February 3, St. Paul State Capitol

9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

(Registration at 8 a.m.- 9 a.m.—organization information)

Learn how to make your voice heard on the issues you care about.

This conference is for everyone--beginners and those who know their way around the Capitol. Sessions will cover basic lobbying, grassroots organizing, working with legislators and staff, demystifying the rule-making process and using the Internet to reach legislators and track legislation. The conference will wrap-up with a special panel briefing on the dynamics of the legislative session. Community organizations will be on hand with information on their issues.

Presenters confirmed so far include Marcia Avner, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits; Brian Rusche, Joint Religious Legislative Coalition; Marc Asch, Common Cause Minnesota; Representative Peggy Leppik and David Chadwick, Citizens League.

Co-sponsoring organizations (as of Nov. 1, 2000): Citizens League, Common Cause Minnesota, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund, and the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits. Cooperating organizations (as of Nov. 1, 2000): Children's Defense Fund, Council for Civic Parent Leadership (formerly MN Parenting Association), Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing, Minnesota Food Shelf Association, Minnesota Citizens for Tax Justice, Minnesota Council for the Gifted and Talented, and the Office for Social Justice.

Registration fee is \$10 and includes the conference fee and the lobbying handbook, *How to Make a Difference*. No one will be excluded for lack of fee. Scholarships are available upon request. Deadline for registration is January 26.

To register, fill out the form below and mail it with your check (\$10 payable to LWVMNEF) to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul 55103. For more information, call the League at 651/224-5445.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Organization _____

If You Need More Copies of the Agriculture Study Publication *Minnesota Farming 2000*

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund's (LWVMNEF) two-year study on agriculture, *Minnesota Farming 2000*, has been completed and the publication is now available to all local Leagues. We made every effort to send this publication out to all local League presidents as soon as possible because of local League meetings scheduled for fall and winter.

Unfortunately, due to lack of funding for this project, LWVMNEF has not been able to print *Minnesota Farming 2000* for all League members. We apologize for this inconvenience.

We want to alert you to the fact that you may use your local Education Fund dollars to reproduce this study. Just fill-out a "Local League Application for Approval to do a Project" A-2 Form (enclosed) and mail it to our office.

You may also download the study from the League of Women Voters of Minnesota website, which is www.lwvmn.org. It is located in the "Member Resources" section in the left-hand column on the home page. In order to access the "Member Resources" section, click on "Member Resources." Enter the user name "MNVoter" and the password "LWVMNmem."

If you have any difficulties with this, please call the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Office at 651-224-5445 and we would be glad to give you assistance.

LOCAL LEAGUE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO DO A PROJECT

(This application must be submitted at least three weeks before the project begins.)

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From: LWV of _____
Name/Treasurer: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Date: _____

Who is responsible for the project? _____ Portfolio _____

Title and Date of the Project: _____

(Criteria for Education Fund Project Approval are listed on reverse side of this page.)

Type of Project:

- _____ Conference Attendance
_____ Publication
_____ Meeting to Educate the Public on an Issue
_____ Candidate Forum
_____ Voter Reimbursement
_____ Other (please specify): _____

Note: **Publication** applications should include contents, authors, timetable and distribution. **Meeting** applications should include the planning committee, participants, program and materials. For applications to distribute publications other than those by LWVMNEF, include a sample copy and the distribution plan. For **Voter reimbursement**, calculate the percentage of column inches devoted to citizen education and voter service.

Purpose of the Project: (Why are you doing this project? What is the need in the community?)

Details of the Project (Please be specific; attach additional page if necessary.):

Who is the project designed to serve? Who will benefit from the project?

Project Budget: (Basic Outline)

Projected Expenses (A): _____
Income to be raised for this Project (B): _____
Requested Education Fund Grant (A minus B): _____

Date of Local League Board Approval: _____

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Mission

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Diversity

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Minnesota in its membership . . . and strives to overcome barriers of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability in the activities of the organization.

C A L E N D A R

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| January | 24 - Presidents Mailing from LWVMN Office to LL Presidents/DPMs
30 - LWVMN Development Committee Meeting, State Office, 4:30 p.m.
- LWVMN Mem. Res. Committee Meeting, State Office, time TBA |
| February | 1 - Deadline Hope Washburn/Peggy Thompson Award Nominations
3 - "Citizens in Action" Conference, State Capitol, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
5 - LWVMN Action Committee Meeting, MWB, 9:30 a.m.
7 - LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, MWB, 9:00 -11:00 a.m. |
| March | 15 - Presidents Mailing: Convention Registration Packet
- Deadline for Program Planning & Proposed Bylaw Amendments
1 - Deadline for Agriculture Consensus Reports to LWVMN |

E N C L O S U R E S

(mailed to local League Presidents and DPM subscribers*)

- *Local League Presidents List*/Matlock, Boche, MacRae
- *Membership Summary cover sheet*/Boche
- *Newspaper clippings covering *your* Local League activities from the 2000 Election season—one set per League*/Matlock, Boche
- *Legislative Session 2001*/Erickson
- *International Women's Day flyer*/Erickson, Boche

BOQUETS TO

- *Nancy Witta, LWVMpls and outgoing LWVMN Legislative Coordinator staffer, who has been appointed as LWVMN's representative to the Governor's Redistricting Commission;
- *Jessica Crary, LWV St. Paul Board member and former LWVMN Office Operations Manager and Annual Appeal Director, who is off to the Peace Corps at the end of February to serve in Zimbabwe;
- *Tara Jebens-Singh and the Leaders of Today and Tomorrow steering committee for an outstanding seminar "Women Making a Difference in Public Policy," held from January 18-20 at the State Capitol and the Humphrey Institute.

YOUR STATE BOARD at its January 17th meeting...

- *Approved the following as lobbyists for LWVMN during the 2001 Legislative Session: Judy Duffy, Sally Sawyer, Carol Frisch, Pat Bugenstein, Georgiana Campbell, Kay Erickson, Lorriaine Fischer, Janet Gendler, Mary Lewis Grow, Mary Lou Hill, Barbara Flanigan, Jane McWilliams, Peggy Plumier, Susan Reinhart, Rebecca Thoman, Ann Velasco, Susan Weisbrod, Lynne Westphal, Nancy Witta;
- *Approved the Appointment of Kay Erickson as Co-chair of MN FACE (Fair and Clean Elections), a legislative initiative undertaken by LWVMN, Common Cause Minnesota, MAPA and other organizations, to provide an alternative to the current system of raising and spending largely special-interest money to finance election campaigns
- *Heard Kay Erickson's preview of the 2001 Legislative Session (see enclosure);
- *Heard a report on LWVMN's new project to conduct seven community forums on mental health (see article in this Board Memo);
- *Discussed the assessment and redesign of the LWVMN website.

P R E S I D E N T

(Judy Duffy, 505 Lake, Birchwood, 55110-1631, 651/429-9703, GandJDuffy@aol.com)

Cabinet Nominations

As you undoubtedly know, the League of Women Voters does not take stands on individuals for public office. If you wish to contact our Senators regarding cabinet nominations, by all means do so, but as an individual, not as a member of the League.

The following statement from Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, President of LWVUS, may be of assistance to you as you field questions from the public and from your members on this issue. And by all means, if you need clarification, please contact the state League office.

To: State League Presidents
From: Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins
Re: Cabinet Nominations

As you may know, the League of Women Voters has a long-standing policy of neither supporting nor opposing political or judicial nominees. Accordingly, the LWVUS is not taking a position in support of or in opposition to any of President-elect Bush's cabinet, including some of the more controversial nominations.

The LWVUS is a member of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR) and the National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO), two coalitions that have chosen to oppose the nomination of Senator John Ashcroft to the position of Attorney General. The NCWO is also opposing the nomination of Governor Tommy Thompson to the position of Secretary of Health and Human Services.

We have contacted both coalitions and received assurances that materials dealing with the Ashcroft and Thompson nominations will include language specifying that some member organizations do not take positions in support of or in opposition to political nominees.

We have asked both coalitions to make sure that organizers do not contact state and local Leagues regarding the nominations of Senator Ashcroft and Governor Thompson. If you should be contacted by national groups or have questions from League members regarding any of the cabinet nominations, feel free to tell them that neither the local, state or national league opposes or supports any political nominee.

Mental Health Community Forums

January 22nd was the official start of a project called "Toward Better Mental Health – A community Affair." LWVMN, Department of Human Services, Department of Health, Department of Corrections and the Department of Children, families and Learning are the collaborating partners.

The goals of this effort are:

- *To increase the understanding of mental health needs and the community infrastructure, which is necessary to meet those needs.
- *To strengthen partnerships with stakeholders to better serve adults and children with mental health needs.
- *To reshape the roles of state agencies in the delivery of services to adults and children with mental health needs.

To accomplish these goals we will hold community forums in five to seven Minnesota communities. Communities will examine the mental health needs of all the members of the community not just those with severe and persistent mental illness. The key questions are:

- *What are the strengths already existing in your community that promote good mental health and create a supportive environment for those citizens experiencing a mental health problem or illness?
- *What are the stresses in your community that undermine good mental health or contribute to mental illness? What can your community do about them?
- *What do people in your community most need to learn about their own mental health and the mental health of others?
- *What would a community that truly supported individuals' mental health look like and be like in terms of physical infrastructure, formal services, and informal service networks?

We might be calling you to ask about your availability to participate in this process or to help us identify key stakeholders in your community.

For more information, please call Susan Anderson, Project Director—612/331-1117. Barbara Flanigan, LWV Mpls, is the Mental Health consultant on the project.

MEMBER RESOURCES

(Jeanne Matlock, 1128 W. Montana Ave., St. Paul, 55108, 651/488-0458, jmatlock@pro-ns.net)

Membership Numbers Due

League membership numbers, as of January 1, 2001, are now due. If you have not done so, please send or fax a copy of your League's LWVUS Summary Sheet for 2001-2001 to the LWVMN office—a blank copy is enclosed for your convenience. This summary sheet shows the breakdown of full, student and household members and is the basis for your League's Per Member Payment (PMP) obligation for the coming year. If you have any questions about your League's membership or about reporting the member numbers to LWVMN or LWVUS, call Laurie Boche, Field Service Coordinator.

LWVMN Awards 2001

Nominations for the Hope Washburn and Peggy Thompson Awards are due in the LWVMN office by **February 1st**. If you have a League member you would like to nominate for either of these awards contact the LWVMN office for a nomination form. These awards will be presented at the LWVMN Convention, May 4-5, in New Ulm. Nominations should be submitted to Nominating Committee Chair, Jean Tews, 49 Birchwood Road, Mahtomedi, 55115.

Also, don't forget about the Spirit of Democracy Award for your local League! Now is a good time to look at the award sheet and see where your League currently fits and what award you might try to get. These applications are not due until March.

Convention 2001, May 4 & 5, in New Ulm

Watch for your Convention Registration Packet, which will be mailed to you mid-February. Please plan to attend—fill your delegation and bring visitors, too. This is a great opportunity to network and to become re-energized.

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Summary Sheet for FY. 2001 - 2002

League _____

League Number _____

This is a summary of your League's member count used to calculate the per member payment (PMP) due to the LWVUS in July 2001 for fiscal year 2001-2002. Please confirm your League's member count.

Whether the Summary Sheet is correct or has been adjusted, sign it and return a copy to the LWVUS and to your state League. Only this summary sheet can be used to update or change your League's member count. Adjustments to your member count on documents other than this summary sheet are unofficial and will not be accepted.

MATERIALS MUST ARRIVE AT THE LWVUS BY JANUARY 12, 2001
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FAX 202-429-0854

Your League owes FULL PMP on these members:

Current

Adjusted

1. Number of local individual members
Member Code L 1 or R 1
2. Number of first household members
Member Code L 2 or R 2

Your League owes HALF PMP on these members:

3. Number of Student Members
Member Code S 1

Your League owes HALF PMP on these members:

4. Number of second or additional household members
Member Code L 3 or R 3

Your League owes NO PMP on these members:

5. Number of members with dues paid to LWVUS
Member Code N 1, N 2, N 3, or N 4

This figure can only be
altered by the LWVUS.

Add this figure to the total count
even though you do not pay PMP.

6. Number of honorary fifty-year members
Member Code L 4, R 4, or N 4

Total Members as of January 12, 2001

Note: Associate, nonvoting members (status N, noncitizen or status M, under 18 years) are included in the above figures for PMP calculation, but are not counted for convention representation.

Summary Sheet verification made by : _____

LWV Position held: _____ Daytime phone: _____

Signature of President: _____ Date: _____

ACTION



THE LEAGUE
OF WOMEN VOTERS
MINNESOTA

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Date: January 24, 2001

To: Local League Presidents and Action Chairs

From: Kay Erickson and Jane McWilliams, LWVMN Action Co-Chairs

Re: Legislative Session 2001

The 2001 Legislature convened January 3 and the League is gearing up for a busy session. Below is a list of issues we expect to be discussed from now until run until mid-May.

Legislative Issues

The issues the League expects to follow during this session.

Education

The Governor has proposed removing state mandated K-12 costs from property taxes as one of his property tax reforms.

Testing, standards, accountability, performance-based teacher compensation, programs for early childhood care and education will be discussed.

Government Issues

Redistricting – The Governor will appoint a commission (LWVMN has been asked to participate). Redistricting must be done this session.

Campaign Finance – LWV is working in a coalition to develop a bill to establish a “clean money” system which provides full public funding, puts limits on the size of contributions to parties and caucuses and provides matching money for independent expenditures.

Rule Making – A legislative task force is looking at the current rules process.

Election Laws – The Secretary of State may reintroduce the changes proposed last session.

Election of Judges – Legislation may be introduced to change the process.

State Government Finance – The Governor has a far-reaching tax reform proposal that includes taxing nonprofits, expanding the sales tax, and removing state mandated K-12 costs from property taxes. Also in the mix—what to do with a surplus, if there is one.

Choice – We expect a constitutional amendment that would make Medical Assistance recipients ineligible for abortion services, attempts to revive a so called partial birth abortion ban, and attacks on funding for family planning.

Firearms

Our focus will be on children's access to firearms, seeking mandatory safety locks, minimum age of 21 for firearms' purchases, and strict liability laws for those who leave loaded firearms accessible to minors. We will again oppose attempts to weaken our "carry concealed" laws.

Social Policy

Welfare reform—We will watch the legislative response as the 60 month time limit approaches for recipients to leave the system.

Mental Health—We will support legislation to change civil commitment standard, and increase funding the mental health system.

Affordable Housing—This continues to be a critical need.

Health Care—We have a shortage of nurses and long term care workers. We are working in coalition to monitor the Health and Human Services budgets.

Other issues that may be on the agenda: technology, eliminating holding sessions every year (the Governor's suggestion), and expanding gambling.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED, INFORMED AND USE THE NET

Get Involved

- **Become a 10 Minute Activist**

Join Leaguers around the state who make phone calls to legislators on topics you select. You can respond with a phone call, letter or postcard. We can contact you by phone, fax or e-mail. Call the League office at 651/224-5445 for more information.

- **Volunteer to respond to Action Alerts** for you local League. When the state League sends Action Alerts to local Leagues, we rely on members to make calls and write letters. You receive background information about the issues and questions to ask.

- **Attend the Citizens in Action Conference** on Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Capitol to learn how to make your voice heard on the issues you care about. We offer workshops on everything from basic lobbying to how to impact the rules process. It will begin with a welcome from Mike Hatch and end with a session briefing by a media panel. Call the League office at 651/224-5445 for more information.

- **Attend Women Come to the Capitol** on Monday, Feb. 19. Join hundreds of women and girls for a day workshops and visiting legislators. Call the Minnesota Women's Consortium at 651/228-0338 for more information.

- **Join the League's lobby corps** as an intern. Learn the ins and outs of lobbying from our lobbyists. We will tailor a training session to fit your schedule. Call the League office at 651/224-5445 for more information.

Stay Informed

- **Subscribe to the League's *Capitol Letter*.** Published at least monthly during the session. It keeps you up to date on the issues the League is following. Send a check for \$10 made out to LWVMN (with Capitol Letter on the memo line) to LWVMN, 550 Rice St., St. Paul, MN 55103.
- **Order *How to Make a Difference*, the League's lobbying handbook.** With lists of legislators names and phone numbers to maps of the Capitol complex, it is a valuable resource. Send a check for \$12 (includes postage and handling) made out to LWVMN (with HTMD on the memo line) to LWVMN, 550 Rice St., St. Paul, MN 55103.
- **Subscribe to *Session Weekly*,** published weekly during the session by the House of Representatives, it contains House activities, upcoming schedules and other information. Call House information at 651/296-2146 or 800/657-3350 for a free subscription.
- **Subscribe to *Senate Briefly*,** published weekly during the session by the Senate, contains Senate activities, upcoming schedules and other information. Call Senate Information at 651/296-0504 for a free subscription.

Use the Internet

- **Go to the League's home page** with links to Minnesota state government—
www.lwvmn.org.
- **Go to the Legislative Internet site** for current and past legislation, bill tracking, committee schedules, and House and Senate Journals at <http://www.leg.state.mn.us>.
- **Go to Minnesota Government Information Services** at <http://www.state.mn.us> for information on Minnesota and state government
- **Go to Minnesota E-Democracy** at www.e-democracy.org for online discussions of public policy issues, directories, links to other policy groups and more.
- **Contact individual legislators by e-mail.** Rep. Dave Bishop for example, can be e-mailed at: rep.DaveBishop@house.leg.state.mn.us.

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Shaping the World Through Our Experience

Sixth Annual International Women's Day Celebration
Underwritten by Briggs and Morgan, Professional Association

Saturday, February 24, 2001

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

University of Minnesota, St. Paul Student Center

2017 Buford Ave., St. Paul, MN

A Free Event



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9:00-9:45 Registration

- Refreshments & Drumheart Studio

9:45-10:45 Opening & Welcome

- Jane Evershed, Artist and Poet
- Plenary Panel, *Immigrant Women in Minnesota, 1850-2000: Our Journeys, Our Stories, Our Legacy* Immigration History Research Center & Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights

11:00-12:00 Workshop Session 1 (Choose one)

- *The Legislative Process and Decision Making* Representative Karen Clark
- *Keeping Children Safe: Effective responses to children of battered women* Battered Women's Justice Project and Asian Women United
- *Welfare is a Human Right: Economic justice for poor women* Welfare Rights Committee
- *U.S. Military's Toxic Legacy and the Filipino Women's Struggle for Justice* Filipino American Women's Network and Filipino American Coalition for Environmental Solutions
- *Girls Have Rights Too: The gender perspective on child survival* Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights
- *Sharing Stories, Creating Hope* Mary Yang, Hmong Refugee and The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

12:00-12:30 Lunch

- A free lunch will be provided with a vegetarian option

VIDEOS: Videos will be shown throughout the day sponsored by the following organizations: Center for Victims of Torture, Immigration History Research Center, Middle East Peace Now, Sojourner Project, Inc., Women Against Military Madness and the Women's Cancer Resource Center.

****This hour please choose to attend either the entertainment or a workshop**

12:30-1:30 Entertainment

- Ethnic Dance Theater

OR

12:30-1:30 Workshop Session 2 (Choose one)

- *The Joy of Playmaking* Outrageous Women on an Outrageous Mission
- *Prostitution and the Systems that Feed and Fight the Sex Industry* PRIDE of Family & Children's Service
- *Women Making a Difference* The League of Women Voters
- *Images of Women in the Media* Ramsey County
- *Critical Junctures in Women's Economic Lives* The Center for True Economic Progress

1:45-2:45 Workshop Session 3 (Choose one)

- *International Law and Trafficking in Women* Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, CLE applied for
- *YWCA of Minneapolis Discovery Leadership Program: A leadership program for girls and women* YWCA
- *Building Healthy Relationships* Phyllis Wheatley Community Center
- *The Dark Side of Tourism: Gender issues, human rights, child trafficking, prostitution and efforts to create alternatives* Rethinking Tourism Project
- *HIV/AIDS 2001: Its global impact on women* Liu Milinyi, MSW; Minneapolis Urban League; Nias Maina, Health Educator; and Diane Knust, MSW
- *Women and Disabilities* Coalition of People of Color with Disabilities

3:00-3:45 Closing Remarks & Entertainment

- The Portage for Youth Choir
- Arizona Bridge Project

TAKE ACTION

We will be collecting donations of the following at the event:

- * *Books for the Women's Prison Book Project*
Paperback only. Any subject-fiction, nonfiction, reference and magazines.
- * *Hats, scarves and mittens for Journey Resource Center for Women--a center for homeless women; and*
- * *Food for the Second Harvest St. Paul Food Bank*
Call 612-541-3302 x105 for details.

Special thanks to everyone who contributed their time and talent to the success of this event. We especially would like to thank the University of Minnesota, St. Paul Student Center for hosting this event; ReliaStar Financial Corp. for donating the printing; and Jane Evershed for allowing us to use her "The Great Leap of Faith" as the logo for this year's celebration.

How
to get
there
???

The Student Center is located at the intersection of Cleveland & Buford.
From the **SOUTH**: 1-35W north to E. Hennepin; rt. on Cleveland; lt. on Buford.
From the **NORTH**: 1-35W south to E. Hennepin; lt. on E. Hennepin (Hennepin becomes Larperneur); rt. on Cleveland; lt. on Buford.
From the **EAST**: 1-94 west to Hwy. 280 north; Hwy. 280 to Larperneur; rt. on Larperneur; rt. on Cleveland; lt. on Buford.
From the **WEST**: 1-94 east to 1-35W north; 35W to E. Hennepin Ave.; rt. on Hennepin (Hennepin becomes Larperneur); rt. on Cleveland; lt. on Buford.

☐ Yes, I will attend the International Women's Day Celebration.

☐ No, I cannot attend the Celebration.

☐ I would like to volunteer at the event.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

This event is offered free of charge, but a voluntary donation is appreciated and helps offset the expenses of the day.

Enclosed is my voluntary contribution of \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:

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Our thanks to the following organizations for co-sponsoring the International Women's Day Celebration:

Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee * Asian Elegance Boutique * Asian Women United * Battered Women's Justice Project * Center for Global Education * The Center for True Economic Progress * Center for Victims of Torture * Centro Legal, Inc. * Chrysalis, A Center for Women * Drumheart Studio * Ethnic Dance Theater * Feminist Eclectic Martial Arts * Filipino American Women's Network Minnesota * Growing Communities for Peace * Hennepin County Library * Immigration History Research Center * Journey Resource Center for Women * The League of Women Voters of Minnesota * Melpomene Institute for Women's Health Research * Middle East Peace Now * Minneapolis Public Library * Minneapolis Community and Technical College: Women's Studies Faculty and the Student Association--Sisters for Social Justice * Minnesota National Abortion Rights Action League * Minnesota National Organization of Women * Minnesota Women Lawyers * Minnesota Women of Today * Minnesota Women's Consortium * Minnesota Women's Political Caucus * National Association of Women in Construction * Native Arts Circle * Peace Coffee * Planned Parenthood of Minnesota and South Dakota * PRIDE of Family & Children's Service * The Portage for Youth Choir * Ramsey County Library * Resource Center of the Americas * Rethinking Tourism Project * Somali Women's Association * St. Paul Public Library * University of Minnesota Law Student Association * United Nations Association of Minnesota * University of Minnesota, St. Paul Student Center * WATCH * Welfare Rights Committee * Women Against Military Madness * Women's Association of Hmong and Lao * Women's Cancer Resource Center * Women's International League for Peace & Freedom * Women's International Self-Reliance Enterprise * Women's Prison Book Project * Women in the Trades * YWCA of Minneapolis

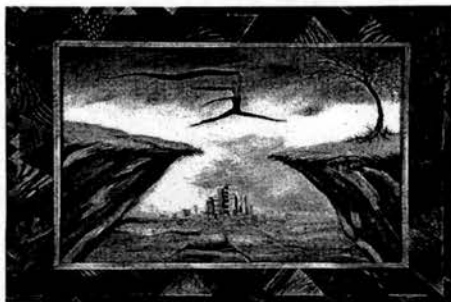
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Mission

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Diversity

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Minnesota in its membership. . . and strives to overcome barriers of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability in the activities of the organization.

C A L E N D A R

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| February | 15 – Deadline for Program Planning & Proposed Bylaw Amendments
19 – LWVMN Action Committee Meeting; 9:30 a.m., MWB
- “Women and Girls Come to the Capitol,” 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
20 – Mental Health Day on the Hill, State Capitol, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Annual Appeal Phonathon, LWV of ABC, Coon Rapids, 6:00 p.m.
24 – International Women’s Day, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. U of M St. Paul
27 – LWVMN Office Management Committee Meeting, MWB, 9:00 a.m.
28 – Circle of Leadership Luncheon, LWV St. Paul, University Club,
speaker, Mark Yudof, President, University of Minnesota, 11:30 a.m. |
| March | 1 – Deadline for Hope Washburn/Peggy Thompson Award Nominations
- Deadline for Agriculture Consensus Reports from Local Leagues
3 – Girl Scout Junior Citizen Day; Capitol
5 – LWVMN Action Committee Meeting; MWB, 9:30 a.m.
8 – LWVMN Agriculture Study Committee Consensus Meeting, MWB,
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. |

- 12 – International visitors at LWVMN Office; 10:00 a.m.
- 13 – LWVMN Nominating Committee Meeting, MWB, 11:00 a.m.
- 19 – LWVMN Action Committee meeting, MWB, 9:30 a.m.
- 21 – LWVMN/EF Board Meetings, MWB, 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- 23 – President's Mailing, including Proposed Program, Bylaws, Slate of Officers and Directors and Proposed Budget

E N C L O S U R E S

(mailed to local League Presidents and DPM subscribers)

- *2001: A League Odyssey, Convention Registration Packet*/Matlock, Boche
- *Camera Ready Flyer for 2001 Convention/Matlock, Boche
- *Letter from LWV New Ulm re 2001 LWVMN Convention, May 4-5/Matlock, Boche
- *Flyer re Board Orientation and Training, June, 2001/Matlock, Boche
- *Flyer re Mental Health Day on the Hill/Erickson, Bugenstein
- *Women's Forum on long-term care for seniors, Lyngblomsten Care Center, St. Paul, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m./Duffy
- *The Mental Health Act of 2001: Annotated Summary, background/Erickson, Bugenstein
- *Sample Letter to the Editor re the Mental Health Act of 2001/Erickson, Bugenstein

L E A G U E K E E P I N G

If you have not given your membership numbers to LWVMN **as well as to** LWVUS, please turn them in ASAP. LWVMN will base your League's per member payment on membership numbers as of January 1, 2001, **or** the membership numbers from LWVUS or from January 1, 2000.

B O U Q U E T S T O

- *LWVMN Action Co-Chairs Kay Erickson and Jane McWilliams, Legislative Coordinator Kathy Kolb, Communications Director Andrea Lex, President Judy Duffy and LWVMN Board and Action Committee members for a superb Citizens in Action conference on February 3rd at the State Capitol;
- *Extra special kudos to Kay Erickson for her work as co-chair (Bruce Miller of Common Cause is her co-chair) of the Fair and Clean Elections coalition—Kay was interviewed on MPR's Midday program on February 1st, has been planning strategy for a Clean Elections bill to be introduced this session and, as of this writing, is coordinating testimony and public appearances by "Granny D" and Maine legislators, who ran successfully as "Clean Money" candidates;
- *All of LWVMN's lobbyists who are active and visible on behalf of the League and who continue to keep us informed of developments at the Legislature.

At its February 7th Meeting the LWVMN Board

Held a working session to do preliminary work on the Proposed Budget for 2001-2002 & 2002-2003.

**League of Women Voters of
Minnesota
58th Biennial Convention
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***2001: A League Odyssey
The Future is Now!***

**Registration and
Information
Packet**



ADVANCED REGISTRATION
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
58th Biennial Convention
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Holiday Inn New Ulm



FROM: League of Women Voters of _____

Total \$ _____ enclosed for _____ delegates _____ visitors
(number) (number)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Complete Package	\$125.00	Convention registration, 2 meals on May 4 th , 1 meal May 5 th , all breaks, Workbook, workshops, registration fee
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Individual Events (if not purchasing package)

Convention Registration Fee	\$ 65.00	Includes workshops, workbook
Workshop Only Fee	\$25.00	One day only
Lunch	\$15.00	May 4th
Brunch	\$20.00	May 5th
Banquet	\$30.00	May 4th
Additional Workbooks	\$10.00	Workbooks are included in all Convention registrations, but extra copies may be purchased

Room Reservations

Room reservations must be made **directly** with the hotel. The special rate at the Holiday Inn New Ulm is \$75 per night, plus tax, double occupancy, and at the Super 8 Motel it is \$58 per night, plus tax, double occupancy. The Holiday Inn can be contacted at 507/359-0597, and the Super 8 Motel can be contacted at 507/359-2400.

*League of Women Voters of Minnesota
58th Biennial Convention, May 4 - 5, 2001*

REGISTRATION FORM

RETURN TO STATE OFFICE BY April 18, 2001

DIRECTIONS:

1. List president, other delegates and visitors - names (first name, please) and address and check appropriate columns. When paying for packages, check just that column.
2. If a delegate seat is to be shared, send name and address of delegate who will arrive first. That person will receive the workbook. Additional workbooks may be ordered.
3. Register and pay for your number of allotted delegates and any visitors. If there are to be delegate transfers, they arrange for all exchanges - keys, workbooks, badges. New badges may be obtained by turning in the original at the registration desk.
4. Enclose check/checks payable to LWVMN covering packages or individual events.
5. Enclose credential sheet listing each delegate.
6. Remember to enclose the workshop selection sheet. This helps us gauge attendance at the workshops. You can change your workshops if you wish, except that **one person from each League must attend one of the Voter Service workshops.**
7. Also, please enclose the delegate credential form, request for caucus space, and the request for table space.

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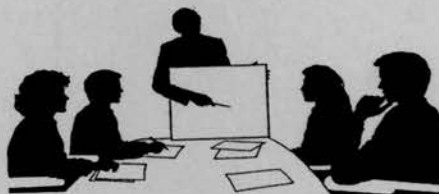
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CONVENTION WORKSHOP SELECTION

Please return to LWVMN by April 18th.

Indicate the number of people intending to attend each workshop. Each person should choose one in each time slot. You can make a change later if you wish, but this gives us some idea of how to assign the various workshop rooms.

One person from every League must attend one of the Voter Service Workshops



Friday, May 4th

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

_____ Convention 101: Overview of the Convention Process

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

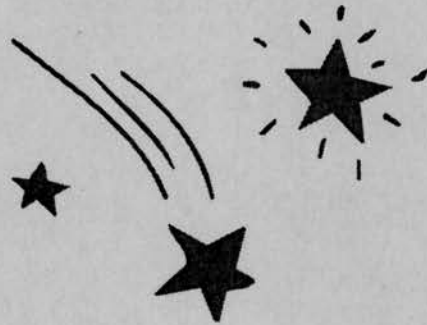
_____ Communications – Blowing Your Own Horn
(Public Relations)

_____ Presidents' Workshop

8:15 - 9:15 p.m.

_____ Communications – Websites/e-mail use

_____ Voter Service/Non-Partisan Policy



Saturday, May 5th

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

- _____ Fundraising for Local Leagues
- _____ (repeat) Voter Service/Non-partisan Policy
- _____ Leaders of Today and Tomorrow and Student Units
- _____ Action

9:40 – 10:40 a.m.

- _____ (repeat) Communications – Website/e-mail use
- _____ Public Speaking and the League
- _____ Updating Local League Bylaws
- _____ Changing Faces of Membership

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New Ulm

LWVMN CONVENTION '01 AGENDA

May 4-5, 2001

Holiday Inn New Ulm

2001: A League Odyssey

Friday, May 4th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Registration & Coffee**
- 10:00 a.m.** **Convention 101 – Overview of the convention process**
- 10:30-11:30** **Workshops**
WORKSHOP 1 – Communications – Blowing Your Own Horn (PR)
WORKSHOP 2 – Presidents' Workshop
- 11:45** **Lunch (Welcome by Arnie Koelpin, Mayor of New Ulm)**
- First Session — Proposed Order of Business**
- 1:00** **Speaker – Honorable Terri Stoneburner**
1:30 **Organization of the Convention & Roll Call of the Leagues**
1:45 **Treasurer's Report**
2:00 **President's Report**
2:30 **Bylaws Committee Report and Action**
2:45 **Nomination and Election of Officers**
3:00 **Presentation of the Budget**
- 3:15** ***Break – Excursions to New Ulm***
- 4:45** **Presentation of Proposed Program**
Consideration of Non-Recommended Items
- 5:15** **Action Report**
5:30 **Announcements**
- 6:30** **Reception/Dinner**
7:00 **Hope Washburn Award**
Peggy Thompson Award
- 7:30** **Keynote Address— Tim Penny**
- 8:15** **Workshops**
WORKSHOP 3 – Communications – Websites/e-mail
WORKSHOP 4 – Voter Service/Non-partisanship Policy
- 9:30** **Budget Committee**
Caucuses

Saturday, May 5th

7:00 **Presidents Round Table Discussion**
8:00 **Registration & Coffee/rolls**

8:30-9:30 **Workshops, Session 1**

WORKSHOP 1 – Fundraising for Local Leagues

WORKSHOP 2 (repeat) Voter Service/Non-partisanship Policy

WORKSHOP 3 – Leaders of Today and Tomorrow and Student Units

WORKSHOP 4 – Action Workshop

9:40-10:40 **Workshops, Session 2**

WORKSHOP 5 (repeat) Communications – website/e-mail use

WORKSHOP 6 – Public Speaking about League

WORKSHOP 7 – Updating Local League Bylaws

WORKSHOP 8 - Changing Faces of Membership

10:50 **Brunch**

12:00 **Speaker** – Rep. Mark Kennedy

12:30 Debate and Action on Program

1:45 Adoption of Program

2:00 Adoption of Budget

2:45 Direction to Board

3:00 Adjourn



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58th STATE CONVENTION

May 4-5, 2001

Holiday Inn, New Ulm

DETERMINATION OF DELEGATE NUMBER

Total number of delegates (including presidents) per League for 2001 Convention:

"Each local League shall be entitled to voting representation in the convention as follows: each local League shall be entitled to two delegates in addition to the president of the local League or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend; these additional delegates shall be chosen by the local League. The members in each local League having more than 25 voting members shall also be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional 25 members or major fraction thereof belonging to said League on January 1st of said year."

Members-at-Large:

"Members-at-Large of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be entitled to one delegate for each 25 members, chosen by a procedure determined by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota."

■ LWVMN Bylaws

Please Note: Official membership count used was taken from the annual summary sheet except in the case of Leagues not submitting these reports. Those counts were taken from printouts in the LWVMN office.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
58th Biennial Convention, May 4 - 5, 2001

LOCAL LEAGUE LIST

	Delegates (Including Presidents)	Membership 1/1/01 (does not include US MALs)
Anoka/Blaine/Coon Rapids	3*	24*
Arden Hills/Shoreview	3	29
Austin Area	3	42
Bemidji Area	3	22
Bloomington	3	17
Brooklyn Center	3	4
Brooklyn Park/Osseo/Maple Grove	3	16
Buffalo/Monticello Area	3	7
Cannon Falls	3	15
Cass Lake/Walker	3*	15*
Crystal/New Hope/E. Plymouth	3	31
Duluth	5	91
Eastern Carver County	4*	46*
Edina	6	125
Freeborn County	3	20
Fridley	3*	19*
Golden Valley	4*	47*
Jackson Area	3	15
Mahtomedi Area	3	16
Mankato Area	3	6
Minneapolis	13	311
Minnetonka/Eden Prairie/Hopkins	4*	52*

New Brighton	3*	21*
New Ulm	3	29
Northern Dakota County	3	14
Northfield	5	86
Owatonna	3*	13*
Red Wing	3	40
Richfield	3	30
Robbinsdale	3	14
Rochester	6	111
Roseville/Maplewood/Falcon Hgts	5	84
St. Cloud Area	4	49
St. Croix Valley	3	19
St. Louis Park	3*	39*
St. Paul	7	124
St. Peter	3	6
South Tonka	3	27
Wayzata/Plymouth Area	3*	23*
White Bear/North Oaks	3	37
Willmar	4*	48*
Woodbury/Cottage Grove	3	27
MALs	10	217

* - Local Leagues who have not turned in 2001 membership numbers are based upon LWVUS membership numbers

DELEGATE CREDENTIAL FORM
58th State LWVMN Convention

This is to certify that the persons named below are duly accredited delegates. (If delegate slot will be shared, include both names.) Please return with registration form.

LWV of _____

President _____

signature

Name: _____

Name: (if shared slot) _____

Name _____

Name: (if shared slot) _____

Name: _____

Name: (if shared slot) _____

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Have something to display? Have something to sell? Bring it/them to Convention.
There will be plenty of space for you but we have to know in advance how much
you need.

Fill out the form and return it to the state office no later than April 18, 2001.

LWV of _____ will need:

_____ one 8' table _____ one-half 8' table

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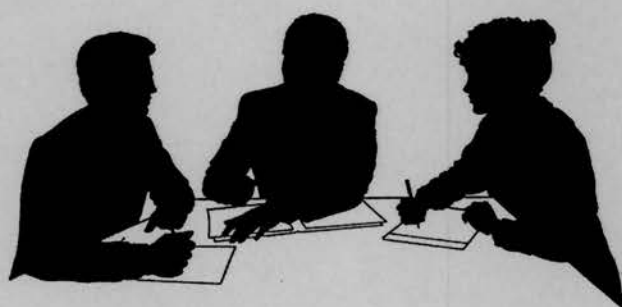
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
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INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES AND VISITORS

58TH STATE CONVENTION

Holiday Inn New Ulm

May 4-5, 2001

The purpose of the State Convention is to consider and authorize for action a Program for the next two years, to elect officers and directors and to adopt a budget. Directions for registration are detailed on this sheet and on the attached registration blank.

Credentials: Enclosed are the credential forms for the delegates from your League to the 58th State Convention. If you plan to have two people sharing one delegate seat, please list both their names.

Delegates: Local Leagues are entitled to the number of delegates provided for in Section 4 of Article VIII of the state bylaws. Admittance to the Convention floor is by badge only. Delegate credentials and badges are transferable. This is to aid local Leagues in keeping a full delegation throughout the Convention. When we speak of "each, a, the" delegate, we refer to one delegate seat. As stated above, if that seat is to be shared, indicate so on the credentials form.

Visitors: Visitors may attend all Convention activities. The visitors do not have a voice or vote during the Convention but do have the valuable opportunity of seeing the League in action. Visitor badges are transferable.

Advance Registration: The credential form and a check covering the cost for each person attending should be returned with the completed registration blank, including workshop selections, to the state office by April 18th. If a delegate seat is to be shared, send the information requested on the registration blank for only the person who will arrive there first. That person will receive the Workbook. The same is true for visitors if they are sharing a package. Visitors attending individual events may be registered individually. Early return of this information to the state office will facilitate the advance preparation of badges and other Convention materials and the mailing of Workbooks. For those who find it impossible to register in advance, there will be a Delayed Registration desk next to the Advance Registration desk.

Delegate Transfer: When two people share a delegate seat, the person who will arrive first is the one registered. She/he will receive the Workbook and should check in at advanced registration to receive the badge. It is the responsibility of the two sharing the seat to make the transfer. The second person has to receive the badge and Workbook. She can either use that badge or turn it in at the registration desk for one of her own.

Delegate Change: There is no provision for "alternate" at Convention. The most satisfactory way to handle any last minute change, in the event a delegate is unable to attend, is to request the change through the state office up until April 25th. After that date, changes may be made at the Advance Registration desk at the Center. The person replacing the delegate must bring a letter signed by the president or secretary of the League declaring accredited delegate status.

Holiday Inn New Ulm 507/359-0597

The Workbook: Workbook material will include proposals for Program, bylaw amendments, slate of nominees for officers and directors, state budget expenditures and income, and a review of parliamentary procedures. Each delegate will have a copy for pre-Convention study. **BRING THE WORKBOOK WITH YOU TO CONVENTION.**

In the case of a shared delegate seat, the Workbook will go to the person who will arrive first (the one whose name appears first on the registration form). Additional Workbooks, \$10.00 each, may be ordered.

Lodging: You will make your own room reservation directly with the Holiday Inn New Ulm (507/359-0597) or the Super 8 Motel (507/359-2400). Ask for the League of Women Voters room block. Reservations should be made by April 18th. The Inn will not hold a block of rooms for us beyond that date. So try to reserve by the deadline if possible. It's convenient to have our own section. The cost of rooms is a flat \$75 plus tax, double at the Holiday Inn and \$58 plus tax for Super 8. Cost of lodging is not included in the package price.

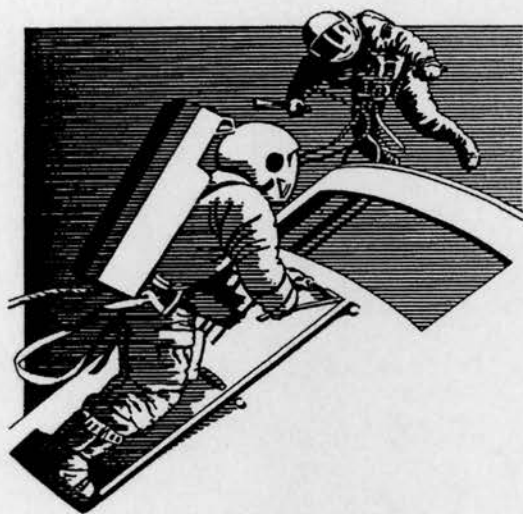
Caucuses: Meeting rooms will be available to delegates interested in discussing Program items or other matters of concern after the scheduled events every evening. All plans for meetings will be announced at the Convention. Arrangements should be made ahead of time. Contact the state office.

Miscellaneous: Sessions start and end on time. As a courtesy, smoking is not permitted during Convention sessions. During sessions, admission to the floor is only at times designated by the chair. The registration fee for all delegates and visitors will be refunded only if we are notified by April 30th that they cannot attend. See registration blank for complete information on costs.

Preparing Yourself As A Delegate: By the time you reach Convention, you should be fully prepared for your role as a delegate from your League. If registration is completed in advance, you will have delegate information from your Workbook ahead of time so that you can become familiar with its content and therefore participate in discussion with more understanding.

Delegates should have all Convention materials that come from the state office and **all current Program Planning information**. It is important that delegates are fully aware of member thinking about Program choices and all other matters to come before the Convention. Although delegates go uninstructed and cast their votes after careful consideration of Convention discussion, they start from and continue to bear in mind the thinking of the members whom they represent.

League presidents should brief delegates on the powers and authority of the Convention, on the duties and responsibilities of delegates - to be fully informed, listen and discuss. Briefing on parliamentary practices should be part of this preparation. Experienced delegates can describe the atmosphere and procedures of Convention and can give practical advice as well. Plan to get acquainted with members from as many other Leagues as you can.



***League of Women
Voters of Minnesota
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Holiday Inn, New Ulm***

Are you ready for the LWVMN Convention?

The theme is *2001: A League Odyssey - The Future is Now!*

Make plans now to blast off and join us in New Ulm for two days of informational workshops, excellent speakers (The Honorable Terri Stoneburner, former Congressman Tim Penny, and Representative Mark Kennedy), tours of New Ulm, meeting old League friends and making new ones, and, of course, the business of electing officers, planning program, approving the 2001-2003 LWVMN budget, and other business coming before the convention body.

We need **YOU** there to help plan the League's program at the state level for the next two years.

New at convention this Year:

- For delegates who have never attended a convention, we kick off Friday with Convention 101: An Overview of the Convention Process.
- The opportunity to see one or more of the sights of New Ulm as an afternoon break
- New workshops on websites and e-mail, changing your local League bylaws and working with student units, to name a few

Whether you come as a delegate or as a visitor, there is lots to learn and lots to see in New Ulm. Plus, you get the chance to meet and talk to Leaguers from all over Minnesota!

Mark your calendars for May 4-5, 2001 and come be part of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota's future! Your local League president has the full agenda and registration information.

the league

of women voters new ulm, minn.

TO: LEAGUE TRAVELERS

It's 2001 and your League Odyssey begins Friday, May 4, in New Ulm! New Ulm Leaguers are anxious for you to visit New Ulm, the city of charm and tradition, just 90 miles Southwest of the Twin Cities on the Minnesota River.

Your adventure begins the moment you dock at New Ulm's German style Holiday Inn. Stops along the way will include (of course) workshops, banquets, awards presentations, caucuses, adoption of program, but also a tour of New Ulm's famous old world Schell's Brewery or, if you prefer, a guided walking tour of historic New Ulm.

New Ulm is known for its many marvelous specialty shops. Check them out, too!

Please join us for 2001 League Odyssey in New Ulm.

THE NEW ULM LEAGUE

P.S. Come early and join us Thursday evening, May 3, for a tour of the Brown County Historical Society Museum—that unique building on the corner of Broadway and Center Street.

LWV MINNESOTA PRESENTS

**LOCAL LEAGUE BOARD
ORIENTATION/TRAINING**

Wednesday, June 20th, St. Paul 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 23rd, Central Minnesota
10:00 a.m.

SAVE THE DATES!

Are you looking for a way to orient your new (and returning) board members to League? Would you like the opportunity to talk to other Leaguers who have or will hold the same board position? Do you want to learn more about the League at the state and national level?

If so, the League board training is for you! Whether your whole local League board attends or just members who would like more information about being on a board, we encourage anyone interested to attend one of these sessions.

More information, along with a registration form, for the orientation/training sessions will be sent closer to June. In the mean time, if you have any questions about these sessions, call the LWVMN Field Service Coordinator, Laurie Boche, at 651/224-5445 or 8900/663-9328.

MENTAL HEALTH DAY ON THE HILL

February 20, 2001

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Briefing

(Great Hall of Capitol, ground floor west wing)

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Rally in the Rotunda

1:00 p.m. Legislator Visits*

Greeting by Sandra Monson, MHAM

Others to be present:

Kris Flatten, on behalf of Mental Health Consumers

Senator Linda Berglin

Representative Fran Bradley

Senator Sheila Kiscaden

Tom Johnson, NAMI – MN

*** Make your legislative appointments now, or find out from their aides how to bring them out of committee to meet with you.**

Minnesotans are aging ~ Is public policy keeping pace?

Are you satisfied with long term care
options for you and your loved ones?

The Minnesota Legislature is considering comprehensive
reform of older adult services.

You need to be involved!

**You're invited to a Women's Forum on
long-term care for seniors**

WHEN: Thursday, March 1, 2001

WHERE: Lyngblomsten Care Center
1415 Almond Avenue
St. Paul

(Cross street is Pascal; the Care Center is between the MN State Fair Grounds and Como Park)

AGENDA: 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Forum
10:30 a.m. Optional Tour of Lyngblomsten,
a state of the art facility

For more information and to reserve your spot, please contact

Shannon Johnson at 952-831-3200, extension 22.

This complimentary women's forum is sponsored by *Care Providers of
Minnesota, Minnesota Health and Housing Alliance, League of Women
Voters of Minnesota* and the *Minnesota Women's Consortium*.

The Mental Health Act of 2001: Annotated Summary

ARTICLE 1—SUICIDE PREVENTION

Section 1. Suicide Prevention, Outreach, Awareness, Professional Education. Requires the Commissioner of Health to make suicide prevention an important public health goal and establish grant programs for professional education, public awareness, K-12 education, and community-based suicide prevention.

The American Medical Association estimates that 95% of suicides occur at the peak of a depressive episode. While 80% of people with depression could be effectively treated, only 30% seek treatment because of ignorance about symptoms and stigma. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for Minnesotans 15-34 years old. The initiatives in Article 1 are based on the Minnesota Department of Health's Report to the Legislature: Suicide Prevention Plan, January 15, 2000. This report describes a broad, targeted and evidenced-based prevention strategy.

Section 2. Suicide Statistics. Prohibits the Commissioner of Public Safety from reporting data on suicides and attempted suicides as crime statistics.

The Commissioner of Public Safety currently reports suicide data as a crime statistic. Since suicide is the way people die from untreated or ineffectively treated biological brain disorders, it should be reported only as a health statistic.

ARTICLE 2—CORRECTIONS

Section 1. Discharge Planning and Aftercare. Establishes discharge procedures beginning at least 90 days in advance for inmates with serious and persistent mental illnesses to improve transition to community-based mental health services, and assures Medical Assistance coverage upon discharge.

In 1999, 18% of the Minnesota prison population (1,027 individuals) were taking psychiatric medications. Poor discharge planning and aftercare following prison increases recidivist rates and related costs. While health care for prisoners is guaranteed by the 8th Amendment, the current practice of discharging seriously mentally ill offenders with 7 days of medications and a two-month wait for an appointment with a community psychiatrist is both costly and counterproductive. Numerous reports and court cases have recommended improved aftercare services through streamlined discharge planning, links to community services, case management and a streamlined Medical Assistance or other insurance eligibility determination upon discharge.

Section 2. Pilot Project for Transitional Housing Plus Services. Establishes two pilot projects for transitional housing and support for discharged inmates with serious and persistent mental illnesses.

Unstable housing, negative social support, alcohol/drug misuse and noncompliance with continuing psychiatric treatment increase rates of relapse and recidivism. Comprehensive "wrap around" supports address these risk factors and are likely to improve outcomes and reduce repeat offenses.

Section 3. Appropriations. Increases funding for the mental health division of the Corrections Department for professional staff, case managers, and appropriate medications, and increases grants to county human services to pay for case management and other services during the transition from prison.

Newer medications reduce side effects, enhance compliance and improve recovery, but cost more than historical projections. Newer therapy and rehabilitation techniques are also effective. This funding approach spreads the cost of improved treatment over the corrections system and avoids increased per diem expenses at specific facilities.

ARTICLE 3—REIMBURSEMENT RATES

Sections 1 and 6. Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs). Provides automatic annual cost-of-living increases starting July 2001 in reimbursement rates for adult residential program grants and adult and family community support grants, and compensates for past inflation during a four-year catch-up period.

Historically, many mental health services have not received COLA increases comparable to other programs funded by the state. For example, the CPI change from 1990 to 2000 was 32.1%; however, these mental health providers received only 18% in inflationary increases during this time period, while MA funded MH services received only 3%. Some providers received as much as 45% during the same time period. Because of these shortfalls, community providers experience staff layoffs, unfilled staff vacancies, reduced services, and long waiting lists—all putting clients at risk.

Sections 2 and 3. Realignment of Financing to Support Best Practices. Realigns funding formulas to move away from financial incentives that encourage counties to place people in state institutions, and shifts some dollars from state institutions to counties for community-based services.

Minnesota law designates the counties as the mental health authority with the responsibility to provide mandated services defined in the Comprehensive Mental Health Acts. However, counties are billed only 10% of the cost for state-operated services. As a result, the highest cost services (state hospitals) are less costly to the counties than community-based services that are given priority in the Mental Health Act. In effect, counties that invest in alternatives to institutional care cannot capture the savings that accrue from avoiding placement. These sections increase the county share of Regional Treatment Centers/state-operated services shifts dollars from state facilities with excess capacity to the counties and provides a supplemental appropriation to the counties. Counties can use the increased funding to pay their increased liability for state-operated services and/or develop services to divert or delay time spent in an RTC.

Section 4. Medical Assistance Reimbursement Rates. Updates reimbursement rates for outpatient mental health and psychiatric services from 1989 to 1999 base year.

Current Medical Assistance rates for outpatient psychiatric services are discounted 25% from the median charge submitted in 1989. The rate covers about 55% of the cost of producing the service today. Low rates lead to long waiting lists, poor purchasing power for consumers, high staff turnover, and overuse of other less appropriate services. Several community mental health centers and other health care providers dedicated to a public mission have closed clinics, laid off staff, or filed bankruptcy. This section allows reimbursement for outpatient services to be recalculated up to the median of 1999 charges. The CPI change from 1990-2000 was 32.1% and health care inflation is generally higher.

Section 5. Clinic Reimbursement Rates. Provides targeted Medical Assistance rate increases for community mental health center services and certain other community providers.

As best practices embrace outpatient community treatment, the financing system has not adjusted to offset the impact of a high volume of MA clients and uncompensated care concentrated in relatively few providers. About half of all MA funded outpatient mental health services are provided by about 35 community mental health centers (CMHCs). MA rates based on individual practice do not support the comprehensive array of services, nonbillable consultation services, supervision and quality assurance, emergency/crisis services, and added overhead associated with clinic facilities. Current Medical Assistance rates for outpatient mental health services are based on 1989 charges minus 25%. Historically, most mental health services were provided in hospital settings whose reimbursement rates were adjusted based on a disproportionate share and bad debt. The legislature recognized this situation by enhancing the rates for community health centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), and rural health centers. However, similarly situated community mental health centers (CMHCs) do not receive this enhanced rate, despite the fact that they are nonprofit Essential Community Providers under contract with counties to meet the mandates of the Mental Health Act and accept all clients regardless of the ability to pay. This situation shifts costs to counties and private grant makers that could be covered in part by federal Medicaid funding. In addition, it threatens the financial viability of the key providers. For these reasons, several states have extended the same Medicaid reimbursement rate policies used for community health centers and/or FQHCs to CMHCs, in effect instituting a disproportionate rate adjustment for these unique provider types.

ARTICLE 4—COVERED SERVICES

Sections 1, 10 & 14. Case Management During Transitions. Provides team case management services to improve transitions from the child-serving mental health system to the adult system; presumes adolescents receiving services as seriously emotionally disturbed are eligible for services as adults with SPMI

The child and adult systems serving individuals with psychiatric disorders are structured very differently, with an arbitrary dividing point at age 18. Major problems include differing definitions of eligibility for services and a lack of reimbursement for case management services that bridge the child and adult systems. For example, a child may have a severe emotional disturbance (SED), but at age 18 may not meet the definition for serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI) if he/she has not had "two or more episodes of inpatient care for mental illness in the preceding 24 months or continuous residential treatment exceeding six months." If the child-serving system has been successful, the individual would not meet this criterion and therefore not qualify for the continuing support necessary in the adult system. This provision makes SED children eligible for, but not "entitled" to certain services targeted for adults with SPMI based on an assessment and case plan by the local county.

Section 2 and others. Family Involvement, Education and Consultation Services. Funds education, consultation, and support provided to families and others as an extension of treatment.

Funding for community-based programs for families of children with emotional disturbance and adults with serious and persistent mental illness covers only services to consumers themselves. Several sections fund education, consultation and support services to families through grants and MA coverage. Family members and other supportive individuals are important resources for recovery. (See Art. 3, Sec. 36 for MA coverage)

Sections 3, 6, 7, 20-22, 29, 37, 38. Crisis and Emergency Services. Provides funding for crisis services for children and adults experiencing a mental health crisis.

The Comprehensive Mental Health Acts of 1987 and 1989 do not refer to crisis services. For uninsured individuals experiencing a crisis, the absence of a source of payment can be a serious barrier to accessing services. Individuals in crisis are at high risk of institutional placement, yet alternatives such as short-term stabilization beds or mobile crisis teams are inconsistently funded. These sections define mental health crisis intervention, crisis stabilization, and mental health emergency; provide presumptive eligibility pending an eligibility analysis and enrollment for Medical Assistance for anyone experiencing a mental health crisis as defined; and provide funding for crisis services through MA or grants to counties.

Sections 9 and 23. Masters Degreed Individuals Licensed by Board of Psychology. Includes individuals licensed by the Board at the masters-level as mental health professionals.

Updates the Comprehensive Mental Health Acts consistent with changes in the Psychology Licensing Act.

Section 10. Revisions to Definition of Serious and Persistent Mental Illness. Adds severe anxiety disorders with significant impairment; adds services needed to prevent relapse to the eligibility criteria in addition to a history of inpatient or residential treatment.

Minnesota's Mental Health Act designates individuals with serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI) as a priority population for state funding with eligibility for an enhanced array of community-based services, based on the specific situation. However, the criteria for SPMI were developed in 1986 and are now outdated in several respects. Linking the SPMI criteria to a history of residential or inpatient care reduces access for seriously impaired individuals living in community settings and is a particular disadvantage for those experiencing their first episodes of a serious mental illness. Other proposed changes include adding individuals with a diagnosis of severe anxiety disorder accompanied by significant functional impairment, and defining services needed to prevent relapse as an additional eligibility criterion.

Section 30. Least Restrictive Setting Without "Fail First" Policy. Defines appropriate services to specify that a child need not have failed at a less restrictive treatment alternative before receiving inpatient or residential services.

The Children's Comprehensive Mental Health Act calls for the provision of services in the least restrictive appropriate setting. This has commonly been interpreted by funding agencies as a requirement that a child fail in progressively restrictive settings before placement in a hospital or residential treatment program. This section requires mental health services to be provided in the least restrictive setting that is appropriate to the needs and current condition of the child, but prohibits requiring failure in less restrictive settings in order to access inpatient or residential care.

Sections 31, 32, 34, 43, 44. Continuing Care in Community Hospitals. Provides payment beyond the Diagnostically Related Group (DRG) limit for voluntary hospital stays on a case-by-case basis.

DRGs, the basis of payment for hospital services, reimburse a facility for an episode of care based on a formula using an average cost or number of days. They create an incentive for a shortened length of stay or an effort to, transfer patients to other placements since the hospital is paid the same for 7 days as for 23 days. This has had a profound effect on the ability of some individuals to access voluntary care in community hospitals for the length of time needed to be stabilized. The State Advisory Council on Mental Health Reports that between 1986 (when DRGs were instituted in Hennipen County) and 1994 commitments to State Hospitals increased 400%. A StarTribune article, December 17, 2000 reported that since the early 1980's, commitment filings have doubled, while the length of stay in community hospitals decreased 36% to an average of 9 days. It has become common practice for community hospitals to initiate commitment proceedings in order to obtain additional treatment in state hospitals, even if the client is seeking treatment voluntarily. Since health plans often exclude coverage for court ordered involuntary treatment, this represents a huge shift of costs to the public sector. It also raises important civil liberty concerns and contravenes the recent United States Supreme Court mandate for community integration articulated in the Olmstead vs. LC decision. The state currently contracts with a few community hospitals for some beds designated for longer stays beyond the typical DRG. In the Moose Lake catchment area these beds are available to voluntary patients, but in the metro area they are available only to individuals who meet the criteria for commitment. The average length of stay in the contract beds is 22 days. These sections make extended stay beds available to voluntary patients based on a review of the case, enabling people to stay in their communities without using the commitment process as a gateway to necessary lengths of stay.

Section 36. Evaluation and Management Services and Clinical Supervision. Expands psychiatric services eligible for Medical Assistance.

Current Medical Assistance rates for psychiatric services cover only 55% of the cost of providing the service. In addition to inadequate reimbursement rates (discussed above), functions critical to care management and coordination of client services are not currently billable. This section authorizes Medical Assistance payment for evaluation/consultation services, clinical supervision, telemedicine, and culturally competent consultation, and authorizes use of inpatient physician procedure codes and rates for more intensive psychiatric services related to day treatment, crisis service, and partial hospitalization.

Sections 33, 39, 40. Transportation and Travel. Allows vehicle acquisition and covers transportation to/from services on individual treatment plan.

Problems with transportation affect access to needed health and support services for people with psychiatric disorders, particularly in rural and suburban communities without public transportation. While Medical Assistance covers transport to MA covered services, there are frequent reports of restrictive authorization practices. In addition, many services for people with SPMI are not covered by MA and many individuals with SPMI are not covered by MA. Non-profit community providers are willing to create van services, but issues of capital investment, stable funding for ongoing operations, and liability must be addressed.

Section 41. Child Custody and Health Benefits. Authorizes courts to require health plans to cover services for children in need of protection or services (CHIPS), and prohibits transferring custody away from parents to access mental health services.

In the case of a child in need of protection or services for care of physical or mental health, the courts are allowed to order the child's parent, guardian, or custodian to provide the care. This section allows the court to order the health plan to provide care as well. This section also clarifies and strengthens the prohibition against the transfer of custody simply to access services—a practice banned by Minnesota law several years ago, that nevertheless continues.

ARTICLE 5—ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Section 1. Employment Support Services. Maintains and expands supported services.

State funds and matching federal start-up funds have funded twenty-six employability projects. Six projects serving 500 persons will lose federal funding 7/1/01 and five other projects serving 300 clients will lose federal funding 12/31/01. This section provides extended funding in the state base budget and expands the service to new communities.

Section 2. Short-Term Housing Vouchers. Expands "Bridges" housing subsidy program.

"Bridges" housing vouchers subsidies enable qualified individuals to limit rent payments to 1/3 of their income while waiting for their federal Section 8 certificate to be approved—a wait that can be years long. This section increases "Bridges" funding to cover more individuals in this successful, time-limited voucher program.

ARTICLE 6—HEALTH PLAN COVERAGE

Section 1. Exclusions for Suicide Attempts. Prohibits health plans from excluding coverage for services arising out of a suicide attempt.

The health consequences of a suicide attempt are often listed as an excluded condition on health insurance policies. Since almost all suicide attempts result from untreated or ineffectively treated mental illnesses (biological brain disorders), it is discriminatory to exclude health consequences from coverage.

Section 2. Coverage of Non-Formulary Medications. Expands physicians' ability to prescribe psychiatric medications not listed in a health plan formulary.

Although most health plans provide a process for prescribing outside of formularies, the processes are often very cumbersome and therefore expensive for providers. Because a slight difference in drug composition may make a huge difference in the side effects that an individual experiences—and side effects are often a critical variable in patient compliance—qualified practitioners should be able to more easily prescribe the psychiatric medication that best treats the patient's symptoms with the fewest side effects, even if it is not on the formulary of a given plan.

Section 3. Coverage of Court-Ordered Services. Requires health plans to pay for covered mental health services ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

For example, health plans commonly avoid continuing liability for mental health services when courts intervene through an involuntary civil commitment process or a CHIPS petition. In these situations, costs are shifted to the public government programs. This section allows the courts to require health plans to cover or provide otherwise covered services ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 7—OTHER MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Sections 1, 2 and 3. Staff and Patient Safety. Requires staff ratios and training to ensure safety in hospital psychiatric units.

Inadequate staff ratios are the chief reason for problems of violence in mental health facilities. The Commissioner of Health and the Commissioner of Human Services should establish staffing ratios that provide for patient and staff safety at all times. All staff should be appropriately trained in violence de-escalation and violence prevention.

Section 4. Coverage After Disenrollment from Prepaid Medical Assistance (PMAP). Requires Prepaid Medical Assistance to continue coverage for 90 days for people who are disenrolled because of disability status and/or placement in an institutional setting.

This section removes an incentive to "dump" patients or underserve by applying rules for Prepaid Medical Assistance similar to those that already exist for Long Term Care.

Section 5. Information on Behavioral Health Care Services. Requires the Department of Human Services to define and collect standardized data on behavioral health claims in PMAP.

The Hay Group Study on Health Care Plan Design and Cost Trends, 1988 through 1997, found that over a ten-year period, behavioral health care benefits were slashed 670% more than general health care benefits. Behavioral health as a percent of total health care benefits plummeted by half in 10 years (from 6.2% in 1988 to 3.1% in 1997). This has occurred despite numerous studies demonstrating the cost effectiveness of behavioral health care. Efforts to estimate actual services provided are frustrated by incomplete and inconsistent reporting of encounter data from health plans. This section requires DHS to collect data on the proportion of the Prepaid Medical Assistance Program premiums spent on behavioral health care services.

Sections 6 and 7. Revision of Payment Systems for Difficulty of Care. Requires the development of appropriate payment systems for residential treatment facilities and services for people with co-occurring disorders.

Providers of community-based mental health services work with individuals who have a wide array of diagnoses, medical needs and behavioral challenges. For example, from 25% to 75% of those served have co-occurring diagnoses of chemical dependency. Reimbursement rates set by the state of Minnesota have never taken into consideration the level of difficulty of a given consumer or group of consumers. These sections requires DHS to develop payment systems for Rule 36 residential treatment facilities that incorporate client difficulty of care, and to develop plans to improve services and payment systems for individuals with dual diagnoses.

Section ??. **Compliance with *Olmstead v. L.C.* Decision.** Requires annual progress reports on compliance with the Supreme Court directive.

*The U.S. Supreme Court in a landmark case, *Olmstead v. Georgia*, found that states were responsible under the Americans with Disabilities Act to see to it that people with disabilities were not inappropriately institutionalized. The ruling stated that failure to provide community services that resulted in continuing institutional stays was discriminatory and that states must proceed with plans to offer community-based services. This section requires annual progress reports on compliance with the Supreme Court's directive.*

To the Editor:

Serious problems remain in the area of mental health in Minnesota. The Comprehensive Mental Health Acts for Adults (1987) and Children (1989) have yet to be realized because adequate funding has never been provided. The Department of Human Services estimates that 25% of the individuals in our state hospitals do not need to be there, but have no where to go. The HAY Study found that over a ten year period mental health as a percentage of total health care benefits plummeted 50% and that costs for mental health were slashed 670% as compared to general health care benefits.

The League of Women Voters of _____ supports "the Big Bill", the Mental Health Act of 2001 and urges our legislators to get behind this package of proposals that addresses many of the current gaps in mental health services.

Signed,

Sample letter
to the editor

ACTION



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March 23, 2001

To: LWVMN 10-Minute Activists, Local League Presidents
From: Kay Erickson, LWVMN Action Chair

Re: ACTION ALERT—Mental Health “Rehabilitation Option” bill

LWVMN Position: Support of a comprehensive and coordinated system of programs and services for mentally ill adults and children.

Action: Please Call –

Members of the House and Human Services Policy Committee as soon as possible and urge them to support HF 1531.

Background:

HF 1531, known as the “Department Bill,” will be heard the week of March 26 and needs your support. This bill contains the “Rehab Option” that allows the state to access more federal dollars in medical assistance for mental health services. It requires a state match of one million dollars, which is already being saved in the state hospital system. It will be heard in the House Health and Human Services Committee. Please call the following members and urge them to support HF 1531.

House Health and Human Services Policy Committee

		<u>District #</u>
Bradley	651-296-9249	30A
Boudreau	-8237	25B
Koskinen	-4231	49B
Abeler	-1729	49A
Folliard	-3964	44A
Goodno	-5515	9A
Hass	-5513	48A
Huntley	-2228	6B
Jacobson	-7153	53B
Kubly	-4346	15B
Mulder	-4336	21B
Nornes	-4946	10A
Otremba	-3201	11B
Slawik	-7807	57A
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Mission

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Diversity

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Minnesota in its membership. . . and strives to overcome barriers of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, nation origin, or disability in the activities of the organization.

CALENDAR

March	23 – President's Mailing sent from the LWVMN office to Local Leagues 26 – <i>Capitol Letter</i> mailed, emailed from LWVMN office 30 – Deadline for bills to get through a legislative committee
April	2 – LWVMN Action Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., MWB 12 – LWVMN visit to New Ulm and LWVMN Convention site 18 – Deadline for Convention registrations 23 – Delegate packets mailed to Convention delegates 23 – LWVMN Agriculture Committee Meeting, Noon, MWB
May	3 – LWVMN Board and staff to New Ulm for Convention 4 & 5 – LWVMN Convention in New Ulm at the Best Western

ENCLOSURES

- Proposed Program and Proposed LWVMN/EF Budgets for 2001-2003/Matlock, Frisch
- Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors for 2001-2003/Tews
- Proposed Amendments to LWVMN Bylaws and current Bylaws/Doepner-Hove, Matlock
- Final Call to Convention/Matlock

- LWVMN Agriculture consensus report and position as approved by LWVMN Board, 3/21/01/Duffy
- Judicial Independence Project/Gendler

BOUQUETS TO

- Stacy Doepner-Hove, LWVMN Voter Service Chair, on the birth of her son Carsten;
- Kay Erickson and the LWVMN Action Committee for being at the Capitol on behalf of the League;
- Jeanne Matlock, Carol Frisch and Laurie Boche for getting the details for Convention accomplished;
- Connie Hondl and Sally Sawyer for gathering all of those nasty budget figures for the next two years;
- The Agriculture Study Committee, chaired by Gertrude Ulrich, with special thanks to Helen Palmer, LWV Minneapolis, and Joann Rohricht, LWV St. Paul, for their work on the consensus report; to the LWV St. Cloud for a superb forum; to all local Leagues participating in the consensus for their discerning and thorough comments;
- From the LWVMN Board and Staff to President Judy Duffy, for her four years of outstanding service to LWVMN.

President

(Judy Duffy, 505 Lake, Birchwood, 55110-1631~651/429-9703~GandJDuffy@aol.com)

I hope you are all making plans to be at Convention 2001 in New Ulm, May 4-5. Also, there will be a social event hosted by the New Ulm League on Thursday evening, May 3. It will be great fun and I look forward to seeing each of you there.

Membership

(Carol Frisch, 7025 Commanche Ct., Edina, 55439~952-829-0604~ckfrisch@aol.com)

The membership count from local Leagues are in, and the news is great! For the January 1, 2001 tally we have an increase over the year 2000 of 42 members, rising from 2201 to 2243 statewide. This is our greatest increase since 1993. Since every single League has been working to maintain or increase their numbers this success gives us all cause for celebration. Take a moment to congratulate yourself and your fellow members.

For Your Information

Did you stand on the nation's Capitol Mall last year with the Million Mom March on Mother's Day? Perhaps you couldn't go to Washington DC last May but watched the 740,000 marchers on CNN. This year, **YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN MINNESOTA MOMS ON MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 13TH, 1-3 P.M., RAIN OR SHINE, AS WE GATHER AT THE PEACE OFFICER'S MEMORIAL FOR OUR MARCH UP THE MALL TO THE CAPITOL STEPS.** Stand with us. Help strengthen our collective voice on behalf of sane handgun laws for safe children. We welcome mothers and others, families and friends. Rochester and Duluth will be there. Will your town be represented? **THIS MOTHER'S DAY—MAKE A DIFFERENCE.** The children are waiting. Call Lynne Westphal, 952/941-8493 or Gail Schoenfelder, 218/728-5796 if you want more details.

Proposed LWVMN Program for 2001-2003
58th State Convention
May 4th & 5th, 2001

CHOOSING PROGRAM

BECOMING A DYNAMIC DELEGATE
OR
HOW TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE STATE CONVENTION*

Some of you feel strongly about a particular item and hope that others share or will come to share your views. There are effective ways in which you, as an individual member, can win friends for your cause and influence people to vote on your side.

Remember that a non-recommended item must have been submitted to the Board at least three months before Convention and requires a simple majority vote to be considered on the first day of Convention and three-fifths vote to be selected on the second day of Convention. (LWVMN Bylaws Article XII, Section d).

League Conventions are marked by intelligent discussion, organization, timing, public relations, fair play and good humor. To start at the beginning:

1. Before Going To Convention

- a. Check to see how many other local Leagues suggested the same item you are interested in. Some of them may want to help with organization. (See recommended and non-recommended Program suggestions in this packet).
- b. Check to see what other items were suggested which might be related to yours in some way.
- c. Brainstorm ways to appeal to Convention delegates for support for the item you wish to have considered and enlist their aid in working for it.
- d. Set up a caucus the Friday evening of Convention. (Contact the state office so a room will be reserved for you).
- e. Work up your arguments for your item and why you prefer it at this time. Think of ways in which other suggested items could be tied to yours.
- f. Duplicate your information, and either mail it to each local League or be prepared to distribute it to all members as they arrive at the Convention hall.
- g. Study up on your Parliamentary Procedure, especially making and amending motions, etc. (See *Robert Rules of Order*; an abbreviated version will be included in delegate's packet).

2. Final Plans

- a. Get out the vote—encourage all the local Leagues favoring your item to send their delegates and to go to your caucus.
- b. Be ready with a symbol related to your item for others who agree with you to wear until after the vote on Saturday.
- c. Have a spokesperson selected to present your item —someone with enthusiasm, who projects well and who is knowledgeable of your item. Two seconding speeches are allowed.

- d. Have people selected to ask particular questions for clarification. Read the Convention Rules in the workbook carefully for procedures and time limits.
- e. In order to make certain all arguments are covered, make certain you have a number of people who are well informed on your item and who will be ready to speak for your item. Selected speakers should sit close to the microphones and line up early.

***Many thanks to the LWV's of St. Paul and Houston**

CRITERIA FOR CHOOSING A STATE PROGRAM FOR 2001-2003

For the selection of League Program, two criteria should be met (See *IN LEAGUE*: Section 10, Page 4):

- 1. Is government action needed?
- 2. Does the proposal fall within the Principles of the League of Women Voters?

Additional questions to consider are:

- ✓ How much member interest has been expressed for the issue?
- ✓ Is this the crucial time for the issue?
- ✓ Is it a current topic of discussion in the community? Could community interest be developed?
- ✓ Do the political realities permit effective action? Are local/state officials aware of the issue?
- ✓ Is the issue one on which League members will spend time and effort?
- ✓ Will the League's involvement make an impact?
- ✓ Will the League be able to draw on allies?
- ✓ Will the League's involvement increase the Leagues' political influence and credibility?
- ✓ What are the prospects for funding anticipated educational activities and/or action campaign?

Program Adoption

League members receive the program recommended by the state Board, including the proposed new study, if there is one. Information on non-recommended items is also included.

The wording of a proposed issue may be amended at the annual meeting or Convention, provided the intent is not changed, nor the scope enlarged. **Only program issues submitted by the deadline may be considered. Since League program consists of issues specifically adopted by vote at the annual meeting or convention, issues previously on the program must be readopted in the same or amended form in order to continue to be part of the program.**

58th State Convention
May 4th & 5th, 2001

LWVMN PROGRAM 2001-2003
Adopted at LWVMN Convention in 1999

1. CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- a. **Judiciary:** Support of a judicial system with the capacity to assure a speedy trial and equal justice for all.
- b. **Selection of Judges:** Support present system of selection and retention of appellate and district judges with certain modifications. Oppose allowing candidates to accept and use endorsement by political parties.
- c. **Corrections:** Support of a correctional system responsive to the needs of the individual offender and of society. Support of sentencing decisions based on circumstances in relation to the crime, the offender and the effect on public safety, made by the judge within legislative guidelines.

2. EDUCATION

- a. **Equal Opportunity:** Support of increased state responsibility in creating equal public education opportunities for all Minnesota children through measures to correct racial imbalance and insure adequate financing of public schools.
- b. **Financing Education:** All Minnesota children should have equal access to a good public education. State funding for education should be at a level that makes programs of comparable substance and quality available to all. A student's access to a good education should not depend on the wealth of his or her school district.
- c. **Collective Bargaining and Tenure:** Support of improvements in the collective bargaining and tenure laws of the state as they apply to K-12 teachers only.
- d. **Library Funding:** Support for increased and restructured funding for public libraries.

3. GOVERNMENT

- a. **Citizen Rights:** Support of improvements in election laws regulating election procedures, voting and school district elections. Support of improvements in election laws regulating campaign practices.
- b. **Organization of Government:** Support of improved structure and procedures for the Minnesota Legislature and Executive Branch; supports of an improved process for amending the Minnesota Constitution; support of apportionment substantially on population of congressional districts and of all elected state and local governmental bodies.
- c. **Initiative, Referendum and Recall:** Support of the continuation of legislative initiative and compulsory voter referendum on constitutional amendments; support of voter approval by a majority of those voting on the question; opposition to most forms of voter initiative and referendum on statutes; opposition to recall by voters of members of the Legislature and state constitutional officers; support of strict procedural limits on any

process of initiative, referendum or recall. Opposition to term limits for members of the legislature and state constitutional officers.

- d. **Financing State Government:** Support of a balanced and diversified revenue system that relies on broad-based taxes and user fees. Support of an evaluation of all individual revenue sources to determine if it is competitive with other states, efficient, equitable, progressive, reliable, responsive and simple. Support of a broad-based sales tax with exemptions for essential items. Support of an equitable property tax as the primary source of financing services provided by local government and a partial funding for education. Support of a corporation franchise tax competitive with other states. Support of achieving social goals through open and visible expenditures rather than by granting deductions, exclusions and credits. Support of the principle that state legislation mandating local government action should identify sources of revenue. Support of long-term financial management, budget projections and budget reserve.
- e. **State Government Spending:** Belief that a long-term vision, as well as immediate concerns, should guide state spending decisions. Support of the following broad goals, in order of priority: provide high-quality K-12 educational opportunities; provide basic level of health and human services; protect natural resources; encourage economic self-sufficiency; provide for public safety; provide high-quality post-secondary educational opportunities; and preserve open spaces. Support of the use of specific criteria when faced with the need to limit spending, i.e., curtailing subsidies for sports teams and convention centers, maintenance of existing infrastructure over increased infrastructure, tax relief targeted to low-income households and providing services to the most needy.
- f. **Firearms:** Action to support restrictions on the sale, possession and use of firearms by private parties in the state of Minnesota. Opposition to an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution granting an individual the right to bear arms. Support for the ability of local municipalities to regulate ownership and possession of firearms and ammunition more strictly than state law allows.

4. NATURAL RESOURCES

- a. **Water Resources:** Support of a state role in the preservation and management of Minnesota's water resources through protection, allocation, conservation, pricing and interbasin transfer policies protective of Minnesota's current and future needs.
- b. **Solid Waste:** Support of measures to reduce generation of solid waste and ensure safe treatment, storage and disposal of all wastes.
- c. **Air Quality:** Support measures to reduce air pollution from vehicular and stationary sources.
- d. **Land Use:** Support of an overall land use plan with maximum cooperation and implementation at the regional and local levels, with state help in developing and exercising land use management, with opportunity for maximum local decision-making, and with regional planning and regulation for matters of more than local concern.

5. SOCIAL POLICY

- a. **Equal Opportunity:** Support of policies to insure equality of opportunity in employment, real property, public accommodations, education and other public services for all persons. Support of administrative enforcement of antidiscrimination laws. Support of state responsibility for and responsiveness to Indian citizens.
- b. **Family Violence:** Support of improved procedures for dealing with family violence; support for improved services for the victims.
- c. **Child support:** Support of stricter enforcement of court-ordered support payments.
- d. **Child Protection:** Support of adequate staffing and resources for child protection services.
- e. **Child Health:** Support access to comprehensive pre-natal and child health care.
- f. **Child Care:** Support of coordinated public policies and funding to ensure safe, affordable, quality child care throughout the state.
- g. **Teen Pregnancy:** Support prevention efforts to lower the rate of teenage pregnancy.
- h. **Housing:** The League believes that all people have a right to housing. The public and private sectors should work together to ensure that everyone has access to adequate, decent, affordable housing. Support of an active state role in providing long-term, decent and affordable housing for very-low-, low-, and moderate-income households. Support of incentives to local units of government to promote a mix of housing opportunities. Support disincentives to local units of government that do not promote such a mix of housing opportunities. Support of revision of the tax system to narrow the tax disparity between rental and owner-occupied residential property; reduction of the tax rate on rental residential property available to very low-, low-, and moderate-income households; encouragement of maintenance of rental property available to very-low-, low-, and moderate-income households.
- i. **Mental Health:** Support of a comprehensive and coordinated system of programs and services for mentally ill adults and emotionally disturbed children and adolescents (hereafter referred to as "persons with mental illness). Priority should be given to persons with serious and persistent mental illness and/or acute mental illness. Minnesota public policy and funding should sustain an array of community-based services that are available and accessible to persons with mental illness. Administration of that policy should provide clients with appropriate and adequate services.
- j. **Violence:** Support for violence prevention programs in our community.
- k. **Alcohol and Tobacco Use:** Support statutes, ordinances, enforcement efforts and public funding designed to promote chemical health and reduce illegal use of alcohol and tobacco. Support educational programs to improve chemical health and reduce illegal use of tobacco and alcohol starting in elementary school and continuing in middle and high school

6. AGRICULTURE

The LWVMN believes that the state should encourage a system of sustainable agricultural production which provides safe, healthful food and which preserves and protects the state's human and natural agricultural resources and enhances the environment. State policy should support research and technical assistance in farming practices and rural economies that improve the economic viability of family farms, environmental health, and the quality of life of family farmers and their communities. (Approved by LWVMN Board, March, 2001. See full position statement, enclosed.)

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The LWVMN holds that the family farm (*see Note, p. 2*) is the most socially desirable mode of agricultural production, and contributes to the stability of rural communities. The LWVMN views family farmers as those most likely to practice stewardship of the land in order to preserve it for future generations, participate in the economy and social life of their communities, and ensure diversity on the land.

The LWVMN believes that state of Minnesota should support family-owned, moderate- and small-sized farms. Specifically, the LWVMN believes that the state should promote

- research directed to moderate- and small-sized farm operations
- support for beginning farmers
- innovative practices and crops for moderate- and small-sized farms
- farmer-controlled cooperatives which serve moderate- and small-sized farms

Further, the state of Minnesota should

- ensure access to markets for all producers
- provide crisis supports based on need (*"crisis" understood to be an event beyond the farmer's control such as a natural disaster*)
- monitor contracts for the protection of farmers
- ensure that corporate farms be held liable for their share of losses, environmental damage, public health hazards, etc.

In the interest of preserving and enhancing the environment, the LWVMN strongly favors a state agricultural policy which includes

- incentives for sustainable farming practices
- incentives for contributions to clean water and air, healthy soil and conservation of wildlife
- incentives for the preservation of agricultural land
- shared liability for environmental damage (caused by agriculture) between farmers and businesses under contract

Because of concerns for both animal and human health as well as ethical issues relating to the treatment of animals, the LWVMN believes the state should promote stricter standards for animal confinement operations.

The LWVMN believes that in order to promote the stability of rural communities, the state of Minnesota should support

- community and regional planning
- education (retraining, farm management, marketing, etc.)
- infrastructure
- liveable wages for workers
- crisis assistance
- development of leadership skills
- networking with farmers and community leaders
- research into viable and sustainable rural communities.

Exports should be promoted as long as this does not hold priority over promotion of a local/regional food system.

The LWVMN supports research into genetically modified foods if the purpose of such research is to ensure the long-term safety of GMO food and crops, to advance basic research knowledge, to benefit sustainable agricultural practices, and to serve the public good.

NOTE on terms used:

Family farm generally implies that the family owns and lives on the land, provides most of the labor, assumes the economic risk, and makes management decisions.

According to the Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture, sustainable agriculture seeks to balance three long-term goals:

quality of life (to satisfy personal, family, and community needs for health, safety, food, and happiness);

environment (to enhance finite soil, water, air, and other resources);

economics (to be profitable).

In any given situation, the most sustainable choice is the one where the net effects come closest to meeting all three goals.

PROGRAM PLANNING 2001

A "study" is an examination or re-examination of an issue usually leading to consensus. An "update" is information on issues on which the LWV already has a position; it does not include consensus and does not lead to a new position; it can take the form of unit meetings, newsletter articles, public meetings, special mailings or any other form of communication with League members.

RECOMMENDED NEW STUDY FOR 2001-2003

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota recommends a new study as follows:

A Study of Immigration in Minnesota

Scope: the study would examine:

1. Challenges and opportunities presented by immigration in Minnesota
 - Social services (housing, health care, child care)
 - Education (English Language Learners, early childhood)
 - Government (legal rights of immigrants, impact of INS laws)
 - Assimilation or isolation (religion, customs, and traditions)
2. Impact on Minnesota's economy, society and educational system

Of twenty local Leagues reporting, the Leagues of New Brighton, Richfield, ROMAFH, White Bear/North Oaks reported immigration as their first choice for a new study. Immigration was reported as the first choice for one of two Arden Hills/Shoreview units, four Minneapolis members, third priority for St. Cloud Area for a new study, and St. Peter suggested expanding the Equality of Opportunity position to include the needs of recent immigrant populations.

The LWVMN Board of Directors at its March 21, 2001 meeting voted to recommend **A Study of Immigration in Minnesota** to the 2001 Convention.

Rationale for this recommendation:

In 1999-2000 seventeen communities, fourteen of which are local League communities, participated in *Changing Faces, Changing Communities*, a community circle project sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund. These discussions enabled local Leagues and LWVMN to form significant collaborations. Thirty-eight educational, ethnic, faith and human rights based organizations, local school and government officials and the media, and the Minnesota Department of Human Rights, the Metropolitan Council, and the Commissioner of the Minnesota Housing and Finance Agency were involved.

The materials developed for these discussions would provide a starting place for this potential study by LWVMN. The relationships developed in 1999-2000 could form a base for further collaboration and resource development.

The *Changing Faces, Changing Communities* project concluded with a State Action Forum at the Minnesota History Center on April 29, 2000. Community project directors reported on the outcomes of their six weeks of discussion, followed by forum small group discussions on education, health care, housing, advocacy, community services, youth and the workplace. Major concerns identified that afternoon included all those listed in the

scope of this recommended study. While many of these concerns can be addressed under current positions there are areas which offer different slants. Different cultural styles of learning have implications related to teacher licensing and student testing, alternative medicine and variations in child birthing, licensing for jobs such as hairdressing, availability of translation services are problematic examples faced by immigrants which may not clearly fall within current positions. There are also vocal Minnesota advocates for voting rights for immigrants in local elections. (This would require a constitutional change in Minnesota, but big cities such as Chicago and New York have permitted non-citizens to vote in school board elections for some years.)

Many of the local Leagues involved in *Changing Faces, Changing Communities* found that the immigration topic had enabled them to reach out to people in their communities who had never been asked for their opinions and who welcomed the opportunity to socialize and to be heard.

Immigration issues continue to be in the public view. The 2000 census reports have brought them to the foreground. Controversy exists over the impact of immigrants on the Minnesota economy. A study building on the work of the *Changing Face, Changing Communities* project would benefit our membership and the general public. With a position on Immigration, League members would be more fully prepared to lobby for improvements in social programs and solutions to legal problems encountered by immigrants. In our 2001 Program Planning Meetings this study had greater support from local Leagues than any other topic.

NON RECOMMENDED PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

Election Process

A review of our current election laws to see if "best practices" criteria are used in our voting systems statewide. How reliable are our systems for absentee ballots, election day registration, and for counting ballots? Also a review of our state campaign finance laws to see what can be done to limit "soft money" and hold independent expenditures accountable. How well does the MN Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board carry out its purpose? --BP/O/MG

Assess absentee voting processes and procedures.

Improve process for uniform voting equipment and procedures.--Edina

Brooklyn Park

Edina

MEPH (some interest)

Richfield (4 – their 2nd priority)

Rochester

ROMAFH (update on process and equipment)

St. Louis Park (standardized ballot format)

Range of quality of voting machines and ballots throughout the state. The extent to which a ballot can be corrected. How is the cost of voting funded. Reexamine how electors are allocated. Willmar

Campaign Financing

Eastern Carver County - one person

Separate Presidential Election Ballots

Work for one universal ballot, alike in all states, for those running for

President/Vice President, separate from all other ballots. Minneapolis-one person

Availability of Comprehensive Health to all Populations and Income Levels and

Ages

Recognizing that the quality and availability of health care varies between population groups, locations and income level, a study of the disparities and needs of these groups is required.

Duluth

Health Care Trends

St. Louis Park (high interest)

St. Cloud Area (3rd priority)

Health and Environmental Issues Related to Airports

Water, air, noise, and quality of living

Richfield (9)

Caring for Health Needs of Senior Citizens

Look at the status of senior citizens' health and how health care needs are being met. Explore seniors' access to health care, care of seniors in nursing homes, availability of health care for seniors in their homes.

Robbinsdale

Public Post-Secondary Education

MEPH

In the light of Governor Ventura's budget we have to focus on the needs of our public universities and colleges. Our concern is that the quality of these fine institutions and their research could suffer to a degree that's hard to remedy or repair.--Woodbury/Cottage Grove (1st priority)

Richfield(4)

Welfare Reform: How is it working in Minnesota?

St. Cloud Area (1st priority)

WB/NO (2nd priority-10)

Examination of progress/problems for this and plans to cope if there is an economic downturn and fewer jobs. What are the prospects for those people who won't be off welfare when five years are up? Mpls (2)

Smart Growth: Rural to Urban Migration

Exploring history and current situation regarding rural urban migration would give us insight into the causes and consequences of this movement. We would need to explore the role that annexation plays in the process. What are the problems and/or associated with this population movement? How can we handle this growth so that problems are minimized and any advantages maximized?

Northfield (1st priority)

Energy: Supply and Deregulation

The study would include answering these questions

1. How adequate is our energy supply
2. What will increase or decrease the energy supply?
3. How do mergers affect energy supply and cost?
4. What are the positive and negative results of deregulation?

Northfield (2nd priority)

St. Cloud Area (4th priority)

Capital Punishment in Minnesota

School Vouchers

Eastern Carver County (one individual)

Governance in Education

Movement toward state control should be examined and discussed

K-12 Desegregation

Women in Prison

Removing Barriers to Funding Children's Mental Health Services

Government - Metropolitan Airport Commission

Transportation

Each above item came from one Minneapolis individual

Deregulation of Public Utilities

BP/O/MG

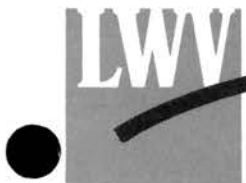
Interdependence of Urban Sprawl and Transportation

Scope: Land use, smart growth and ramifications of rapid transit

Arden Hills/Shoreview - morning unit

UPDATE REQUESTS

Three topics coming out of local League Program Planning warrant attention for updates. Election Laws was a high interest topic from a number of Leagues who either thought it could be a new study or suggested updating our members. Financing of Education and Mental Health were two other subjects where local Leagues felt an update would be beneficial. During direction to the Board Convention delegates may wish to further expand on these update requests.



**THE LEAGUE
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To: Local League Presidents
From: Sally Sawyer, Executive Director, on behalf of the LWVMN Budget Committee
Re: Proposed LWVMN/LWVMNEF Budgets for 2001-02 & 2002-03
Date: March 23, 2001

Here are the Proposed Budgets for 2001-02 & 2002-03 for LWVMN and LWVMNEF. These Budgets were developed through recommendations from LWVMN/EF committees. The LWVMN Budgets will be adopted by the LWVMN Convention; the LWVMNEF Budgets will be approved by the LWVMNEF Board at its annual meetings. The EF Budgets are included for your information.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota Budgets for 2001-02 & 2002-03

These budgets will be presented to delegates to the LWVMN Convention for discussion, debate and adoption. The LWVMN Budget supports our field service, membership, organizational infrastructure and legislative agenda, as well as office operations. Here are its major features.

Membership Income

- *Per Member Payments will remain at \$18 for members, \$9 for household members and students.
- *Member at Large dues are set at \$40 for MAL units, \$25 for student MAL units and \$50 for MALs.
- *LWVMN collect dues for two local Leagues and provides membership administrative services.
- *LWVMN will receive \$500 each year in rebates for nationally recruited members.

Contributions

- *An Annual Appeal for LWVMN will be repeated in each fiscal year; while primarily directed to members, it will be expanded to non-members as well.
- *Non-cash contributions reflect donated expenses from volunteers plus volunteer hours contributed to LWVMN.
- *Honoraria for League expertise will garner \$1,000 each year (budget will be adjusted to reflect this number).

Publications

- *A major marketing effort, redesign and e-mail/hard copy versions of *Capitol Letter* will result in \$2,000 in subscription sales each year.

Registrations

- *This category reflects income for Convention 2001 and Council 2002.

Services provided LWVMNEF

Income from LWVMNEF for office services—staff, rent, copying, postage, phone, etc.—constitutes 72% of LWVMN income for first year and 73% of LWVMN income for the second year.

***Mental Health Project**

A contract from DHS and other state agencies for facilitation of community discussions around issues of mental health will be completed in 2001-2002.

Publications/Products/Tours

Sales of products and income from a tour or tours will provide additional income to LWVMN in both years.

LWVMN Expenses

The Proposed budgets will provide the following services.

*LWVMN will pay Per Member Payments for MALs, MAL units and for local League membership administration and

*Rebates to local Leagues for state recruited MALs

Direct Service to Local Leagues

*LWVMN will provide Regional workshops and other training opportunities for LLs, support to Members At Large, make field visits to local Leagues, provide support for outreach and campus units.

*LWVMN will produce a membership brochure and conduct a membership campaign.

Convention and Council

*LWVMN will hold a state convention in 2001 and a state Council in 2002. Fees will cover only part of the costs.

*LWVMN will send 2-3 delegates to LWVUS Council and 3 delegates to LWVUS Convention.

Publications/Communications

*LWVMN plans six issues of the *VOTER* in each year, 40% of costs to be reimbursed by the LWVMNEF.

Action

*LWVMN Budget will support our legislative agenda, lobbyists and staff and office costs for each year.

Program

*For the first time, we have budgeted program support for LWVUS studies and for LWVMN study/consensus process. (Costs for state study up to discussion and consensus is provided in the LWVMNEF Budget.)

Administration

*LWVMN provides support for LWVMN Board and administrative committees.

Operating Expenses

The LWVMN Budget contains our office operations budget: staff, payroll and benefits, office equipment and maintenance, audit, insurance, supplies, phone/internet providers, postage, rent (40% of office rent is paid by LWVMN, 60% by LWVMNEF).

Office services provided by LWVMN to LWVMNEF are reimbursed—see Income Category 4500.

Operating Budget provides for four fulltime employees: Executive Director, Office Administrator, Outreach/Field Service, Development/Communications Director and several part time employees, including seasonal legislative coordinator, MN and EF bookkeepers, half-time Development and half-time membership Assistants. (Some positions may not be hired if income falls short of budgets.)

Operating Budget also reflects some support for computer/internet technology—major projects: Dnet and Website design and maintenance are included in the LWVMNEF Budgets.

LWVMNEF Budgets for 2001-02 & 2002-03

LWVMNEF Budgets for 2001-02 & 2002-03 are presented for information only at this time. It is important to consider the EF budgets because LWVMN provides office services for EF projects and because the educational work of the League is carried out through LWVMNEF. (For example, the state League study is included in the EF budget.) The LWVMNEF Budgets will be approved at the Annual Meetings of the EF Board.

Income Sources

LWVMNEF income will come from contributions from individuals—members and non-members—through an Annual Appeal in each year and a Fundraiser dinner, planned for the 2001-2002 fiscal year. Unrestricted corporate contributions will comprise 10% and 8% of 2001-02 and 2002-03 income respectively. Other major sources of income are project/program grants and sales or registration fees associated with events or publications.

Expenses

Expenses include direct costs and a "Services from LWVMN" cost for each budget function. The services add up to the amount reimbursed to LWVMN for office costs.

Programs and Projects

The LWVMNEF Budgets include income and expense for the following:

- *Local League Education Fund accounts which allow local Leagues to raise tax deductible monies for educational projects in their communities;
- *the educational portions of a new LWVMN study, as adopted by Convention '01, including Fall Workshops, a publication and a public forum;
- *an educational project on Judicial Independence in 2001-02;

- *start-up for a New Century Campaign;
- *bringing *Indians in Minnesota* to publication;
- *planning and fundraising for Voter Service projects in 2001-02 and funds to carry out Voter Service projects in 2002-03. Projects will include the Martin Grant for local Leagues, the Minnesota Compact, Debates for U.S. Senate and State Constitutional Officers, *Voter Guides* and Election Hotlines. We have also budgeted for our office Voter Information Service, an election video;
- *Dnet, our electronic Voter Guide, candidate forum for both fiscal years;
- *Leaders of Today and Tomorrow (LOTT) to carry out campus outreach, Girl Scout Jr. Citizen Day and LOTT seminar;
- *Website redesign and maintenance;
- *"Citizens in Action" Workshop and new edition of *How to make a Difference*
- *Video on woman suffrage, 2001-02.

LWVMN Budget Committee members are Sally Burns, LWV Duluth, Tobi Duffy, LWV St. Louis Park, Jessie Harper, LWV St. Cloud and Marty Wells, LWV Woodbury/Cottage Grove.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
DESCRIPTION OF BUDGET CATEGORIES, 2001-2002,2002-2003

INCOME

4000 Membership Dues

- 4001 Memberships-LL PMP (local League per member payment) 2001-2003: 1,672 members at \$18 each for both fiscal years. 107 @ \$9 for household and student members. PMP for both years to be based on membership figure submitted for January 1st of each year.
- 4002 Membership MALs (members-at-large) - 125 @ \$40 for both 2001-02 and 2003-03 for those MALs in State Units. 125 @ \$50 for those unaffiliated with local League. 75 students @ \$25 for 2001-02 & 100 students @ \$25 for 2002-03.
- 4005 Membership - CMAL Assessment; Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues pays for use of office.
- 4007 Membership dues collected for two local Leagues; LWVMN pays US and CMAL dues for these Leagues, keeps membership records, files reports and assists as needed with membership recruitment/retention.
- 4008 Rebates for Nationally Recruited Members (NRM)

4100 Contributions

- 4101 Cash contributions raised from members to support legislative and/or membership support activities of the LWVMN
- 4102 Non cash from members-contributions in-kind, some of which are reimburseable expenses by Board and committee members. Contributions of volunteer hours are estimated and reflected in this high budget figure.
- 4105 Cash contributions-non-members reflect individual cash contributions to support legislative agenda.
- 4110 Hope Washburn Contributions, mostly from recipients of Hope Washburn and Peggy Thompson Awards, go to Board-directed reserve fund.. Contributions are higher in Convention years when the awards are presented.
- 4111 Memorials - no figure budgeted.
- 4112 Large gifts and bequests which go to Endowment or Board Directed fund.
- 4113 Honoraria - stipends/fees earned by League members for workshop, facilitation and presentations to other groups

4200 Publication Sales

- 4210 *Voter* - subscription sales to libraries @ \$ 10 each; every member receives a subscription
- 4220 DPM/Board Memos - 25 DPMs @ \$15; 30 Board Memos @ \$7.50
- 4222 Membership brochures - produced by LWVMN, resold to local Leagues or provided free.
- 4225 *Capitol Letter* - 200 subscriptions @ \$10 each; local League Presidents receive automatically.
- 4228 *Program for Action* - 25 copies @ \$4 each; local League Presidents receive a copy automatically
- 4250 Calendars purchased from LWV of Minneapolis and resold.
- 4290 Other, miscellaneous publications sold to local Leagues, members and the public

4300 Registration and other fees

4311 LWVMN Convention - income from registrations, charges to LWVMNEF for costs associated with workshops associated with Education Fund projects; Income for May, 2001 Convention(next Convention in spring of 2003)

4321 LWVMN Council - in spring of 2002; small fee collected for facility, meals

4330 Regional Workshops, other events - planned for Fall, 2001; will include information about new LWVMN study.

4500 Services provided LWVMNEF

4510 Local League projects - reimbursement of costs for processing local League educational projects; primarily, bookkeeper, development staff, secretarial time.

4512 Administrative reimbursements - fee reflecting indirect costs of administration of LL accounts.

4520 Grant projects

4521 Direct Costs - reimbursed office costs associated with specific education fund projects.

4522 Grant project administrative reimbursement - fees reflecting indirect costs of managing EF projects.

4530 Program services

4531 Direct costs - reimbursement of office costs for providing support for EF Board and committees, annual report and other EF program support.

4532 Program related administrative reimbursements - fee reflecting indirect costs of EF program support.

4550 Administration and Development

4551 Direct costs - reimbursed office costs associated with administering and raising money for the LWVMNEF. Note: the LWVMN decided to not bill the administrative reimbursement fee for costs associated with administration and development.

4552 Administrative Reimbursements - fees reflecting indirect costs of managing EF administration and development.

4590 LWVMN forgiveness of bills owed by LWVMNEF for office support. LWVMN Board assesses unpaid bills due from LWVMNEF at the end of the fiscal year and "forgives" or wipes off the books those that seem unlikely to be paid.

4700 Interest and investment income

4701 Interest income from savings - small amount of cash is held in regular savings account.

4702 Board Directed investment income - held in money market account, interest accumulates; principal can be spent at direction of Board.

4703 Hope Washburn interest income - principal in certificates of deposit; interest accumulates; only LWVMN Board can authorize expenditure from these funds for projects related to local Leagues.

4800 Mental health project - 4801 to 4803 have been omitted from the budgets for 1999 to 2001 because they have been completed. There were two mental health contracts over the past seven years with the Minnesota Department of Human Services, totaling several hundred thousands of dollars.

4801 A contract between LWVMN and state agencies to facilitate mental health discussions in seven MN communities will be completed in first fiscal year. Status in doubt at this writing, 3/19.

4900 Other Income

4905 Product sales – assumes development of product or publication to net income of \$1,000.

4910 Copier service business – income from sales to local Leagues and individuals.

4915 Trip revenue – from time to time we receive a contribution from League members who take “Travel with the League” tours.

EXPENSES

Note: Expense items called "allocated operating" (#5299, 5399, 5419, 5489, 5599, 5812, 5821, 5822, 6099, etc.) are office costs assigned to budget categories. Office costs are reflected in series 6000. Allocations have not been done as of 3/19.

5100 Membership

5101 Member at Large Per Member Payment to LWVUS – 150 @ \$21.50 & 75 students @\$10.75.

5102 Local League Per Member Payment to LWVMNEF (50% of total due is allowed)

5103 Discount - LL 5% rebate for early PMP payment.

5104 LL rebate state Members at Large, who wish to be referred to local League

5109 PMP, other costs for membership administration for two local Leagues.

5200 Direct Service to LLs

5201 Regional workshops - expenses for workshops in fall of 2001 and other such as LL Board training.

5203 Membership/FS Committee - committee member expense and donated volunteer time

5205 League contacts: calls and visits-expenses for field service visits.

5208 Membership brochure – revised and printed for use/purchase by local Leagues and for state League recruitment of MALs.

5210 Membership campaign &/or Task Forces – expenses associated with outreach to groups less represented in the League.

5215 Hope Washburn Award expenses for 2001 at Convention.

5220 MAL/State Units – visits and calls.

5230 Outreach – Support for League representation, exhibits at community events.

5240 Campus Unit – Support for League units started on college campuses, some through LOTT.

5299 Office costs – support provided to Field Service and Membership. In addition to Field Service staff, funds for an additional, half time membership/outreach staff person have been included in the office budget.

5300 Convention and Council

5310 LWVMN Convention

5311 2001 LWVMN Convention Expenses – direct costs

5312 2003 LWVMN Convention Expenses – direct costs

5330 LWVMN Council

5331 2000 LWVMN Council, actual ; facility, meals, materials for 2002; cost for local Leagues to be substantially underwritten by LWVMN.

5360 LWVUS Convention,

5361 2002 LWVUS Convention – expenses for 3 delegates, 1 visitor

5380 LWVUS Council, 2001

5381 2001 Council Expenses for 2-3 delegates

5399 Staff, office costs – includes Field Service, Administrative Assistant, Executive Director for materials preparation; also mailing, copying costs

5400 Publications/Communications**5410 VOTER**

5411 *Voter/* Committee. Note that in-kind contributions of expenses and volunteer time are reflected here.

5412 Printing of five to six issues.

5413 Postage – cost of mailing five to six issues at bulk rate, using mail house services. Mailed to all members and selected friends of the League.

5415 LWVMNEF reimbursement for costs of *Voter*; 1/3 to 1/2 of issues are devoted to EF projects.

5419 Staff costs associated with producing the *Voter*: list maintenance and prep for mail house; review, consultation between Executive Director, President, Editor

5425 Directory Listings – for LWVMN for MN Women's Press, other publications as they arise.

5480 Other Publications

5481 Costs for purchase or printing

5483 Calendars – purchase of calendars from LWV of Minneapolis for office and for resale.

5489 Staff/Office costs – staff time for filling orders, postage, billing, etc.

5500 Action/Affiliations

5510 Action Committee - expenses; active and large committee. Figure reflects donated expenses and value of volunteer time.

5520 Lobbying and Monitoring – expenses and time of volunteer lobbyists.

5530 *Program for Action* – costs for revising and printing in first year following LWVMN Convention.

5540 Action Resource Materials - purchase of background materials, etc.

5550 Seminars/conferences – fees for conferences, workshops, meetings for lobbyists

5560 Coalitions Affiliations - membership fees for groups which change according to Legislative priorities; MN Women's Consortium, Citizens for a Safer Minnesota

5570 Women Come to the Capitol, contribution.

5599 Staff, office costs – covers seasonal legislative coordinator and copying, postage, materials for “Capitol Letter,” and Action Alerts, preparation, copying of letters and testimony.

5610 Mental Health

5611 Contract – Mental Health contract has been completed and is not in budget for 1999-2001; If contract for 2001-02 with state for community meetings on mental health continues, direct cost for project director, pass-through grants in communities and showcase event.

- 5612 Cost reimbursement for MH contract—see #5611
- 5700 Program Support**
- 5701 LWVUS Program support – for US Trade update, UN update
- 5702 Study/consensus – support for LWVMN discussion/consensus process; study process is in EF budget.
- 5799 Staff, office costs associated with providing info re LWVUS studies and administering local League consensus process.
- 5800 Other Expenses**
- 5810 Product Sales
- 5811 Cost of Products- line item for expenses, should a product be developed for sale-to realize a net profit of \$500.
- 5812 Staff, office costs – associated with overseeing and managing production and sale of products.
- 5820 Copier Business**
- 5821 Office costs for copier business related to LWVMN purpose.
- 5822 Office costs for copier business unrelated to LWVMN purpose.
- 58301 Fundraising Letter – costs for printing, mailing of individual appeal to support legislative agenda or membership, field service activities
- 5832 Staff, office costs – associated with individual fundraising appeal.
- 6000 Administration**
- 6010 President Board - expenses for attending meetings, travel to and from office on official business.
Donated volunteer time is also reflected here.
- 6015 Conferences and retreats for Board.
- 6020 LWVUS DPM - subscriptions for Board members; provided at request of Board Members—tool for keeping informed about LWVUS.
- 6030 Budget Committee - expenses of one meeting in '01-'02 three in 2002-03.
- 6040 Nominating Committee - expenses of one meeting in 2001-2002; three in 2002-2003.
- 6050 Bylaws Committee - expenses of one meeting in 2002-03.
- 6060 Office Management - committee of Board meets about 6 times per year to review needs and functioning of office and to set office budget and salaries/wages – expenses and volunteer time reflected here.
- 6070 Communications Committee – composed of Communications Chair, Webmaster, Voter Editor, Marketing Director; Staffed by Communications Director (see #6099)
- 6090 Strategic Planning-process completed in 1998-99 year.
- 6099 Staff, office costs for administration includes Executive Director and Administrative Assistant support for Board and committees; planning, agenda preparation, preparation of mailings and background materials, general duties including maintenance of office equipment, supplies.
- 6100 Operating Expenses**
- 6110 Payroll Expenses - Purchases full-time Executive Director, Office Administrator, Development/Communications Director; 1/2 time Development Assistant; part-time MN Bookkeeper and EF Bookkeeper; 1/2 time Legislative Coordinator for 5 months; Fulltime Field

- Service and Meetings Coordinator; and 1/2 time Membership/Outreach position. Cost of living increases of 3% each year built in.
- 6120 Payroll taxes - related to 6110, salaries and wages.
- 6130 Employee benefits – a choice of benefits is offered to salaried employees: health care, disability, parental leave. Holiday and vacation benefits are also offered and prorated for part time employees.
- 6140 Staff training for technology, software applications, management, efficiency, etc.
- 6200 Office rent - LWVMN pays 40% of rent for office space owned by LWVMNEF - \$600/month.
- 6210 Telephone – pays for three phone lines, DSL (internet) access, one fax modem, 800 number.
- 6220 Insurance-pays for Workers Compensation policy & LWVMN office/liability package.
- 6225 Small equipment – coffeemaker, staplers, hole punch, pencil sharpeners, etc.
- 6240 Copier rental - copier is leased; also reflects cost of maintenance agreement and meter charges.
- 6245 Copier supplies – paper, letterheads, toner—combined with Office supplies, #6250
- 6250 General Office Supplies: letterhead, envelopes, tape, clips, pencils, pens, memo pads, etc.
- 6255 Computer hardware, software and supplies – toner, upgrades, consultant, software
- 6260 Internet service provider through Infinitivity.
- 6270 Postage and shipping – costs for routine mailings and shipping of publications; increased for 2002 election year.
- 6285 Bank charges
- 6290 Audit and Accounting fees - cost of annual audit of LWVMN and ongoing advice.
- 6300 LWVMN office cost allocation** – Operating expenses are shown as expenditures twice, once as staff and office costs allocated to each program category, and once as line items under Operating Expenses. This item is an offsetting credit for the double accounting.

Proposed Budgets for LWVMN 2001-2002 and 2002-2003

		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
		Mar 31,2000	1999-2000	Dec-00	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
	Income						
4000	Membership dues						
4001	Per member payments	33,232.00	34,200.00	32,947.80	34,300	30,970	32,355
4002	Members at large	5,165.98	6,750.00	5,690.00	6,750	13,125	13,750
4005	CMAL Assessment	300.00		300.00	300	300	300
4007	Membership Administration					9,375	9,375
4108	National Recruited Member Rebates					700	
Total 4000	Membership dues	38,697.98	40,950.00	38,937.80	41,350	54,470	55,780
4100	Contributions						
4101	Cash contributions - members	75.00	600.00	6,735.00	600	9,000	10,000
4102	Non-cash contributions - member	19,333.73	31,000.00		31,000	28,000	26,000
4105	Cash contributions -non- members	56.00				1,000	1,000
4110	Hope Washburn contributions	125.00	500.00	75.00		500	100
4111	Memorials		0.00				
4112	Special donations/bequests		0.00				
4113	Honorarium		500.00		500	1,000	500
Total 4100	Contributions	19,589.73	32,600.00	6,810.00	32,100	39,500	37,600
4200	Publication sales						
4210	Voter	90.00	100.00	70.00	100	100	100
4220	DPM / BD memos	412.50	600.00	487.50	600	600	600
4222	Membership brochures	416.24	200.00	306.33	200	500	
4225	Capitol Letter	480.00	600.00	250.00	600	2,000	2,000
4228	Program for Action	156.00	100.00	28.00	100	160	80
4250	Calendars	62.30	100.00	5.00	100	200	200
4290	Other	335.85	100.00	391.23	100	400	400
Total 4200	Publication sales	1,952.89	1,800.00	1,538.06	1,800	3,960	3,380
4300	Registration and other fees						
4310	LWVMN Convention						
4311	2001, 2003	9,029.00	13,300.00			12,500	100
4320	LWVMN council						
4321	2002	53.00		560.00	1,000	50	1,000
4330	Regional workshops & Other events	564.00	1,000.00			2,000	
Total 4300	Registration and other fees	9,646.00	14,300.00	560.00	1,000	14,550	1,100
4500	Services provided LWVMNEF						
4510	LL Ed. Fund						
4510	Account admin	5,316.84	4,375.00	3,126.85	5,000	2,300	2,300
4512	Admin. Reimbursements LL Ed F					2,700	2,700
Total 4510	LL Ed. Fund					5,000	5,000
4520	Grant projects						
4521	Direct costs	55,350.28	86,000.00	48,262.02	110,392	76,500	95,652
4522	Admin. Reimbursements	59,118.61	43,000.00	53,814.72	52,708	76,500	95,652
Total 4520	Grant projects	114,468.89	129,000.00	102,076.74	163,100	153,000	191,304
4530	Program services						
4531	Direct costs	9,259.10	40,200.00	3,339.77	35,000	21,171	15,000
4532	Admin. Reimbursements	5,555.84	20,000.00	2,848.65	17,500	20,000	15,000
Total 4530	Program services	14,814.94	60,200.00	6,188.42	52,500	41,171	30,000
4550	Administration and development						
4551	Direct costs	37,063.51	42,750.00	23,712.26	41,500	22,500	20,250
4552	Admin. Reimbursements					22,500	20,250
Total 4550	Administration and development	37,063.51	42,750.00	23,712.26	41,500	45,000	40,500
4590	LWVMN forgiveness and billing						

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		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
		Mar 31,2000	1999-2000	Dec-00	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
Total 4500	Services provided LWVMNEF	171,664.18	236,325.00	135,104.27	262,100	244,171	266,804
4700	Interest and investment income	2.01		29.06			
4701	Savings and interest income	2.16		3.88		25	25
4702	Board directed investment income	406.69	250.00	142.68	250	100	100
4703	Hope Washburn income	115.35	150.00	161.01	150	150	150
Total 4700	Interest and investment income	526.21	400.00	336.63	400	275	275
4800	Mental health project						
4801	Contract income					25,000	
4802	LWVMN Direct Costs						
4803	LWVMN admin. Reimbursement						
Total 4800	Mental health project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	25,000	0
4900	Other income						
4905	Product sales	415.75		133.77		1,000	1,000
4910	Copier business	4.45	200.00	111.42		100	100
4915	Trip revenue	100.00	100.00			1,000	1,000
Total 4900	Other income	520.20	300.00	245.19	0	2,100	2,100
4999	Uncategorized income	132.94					
total Income		242,730.13	326,675.00	183,531.95	338,750	384,026	367,039
	Expense						
5100	Membership						
5101	MAL PMP to LWVUS	2,341.50	3,150.00	3,229.00	3,150	6,038	6,300
5102	EF LL PMP up to 25%	3,030.05	1,000.00	1,141.00	1,000	1,500	1,500
5103	LL early payment discount	1,351.35	1,200.00	936.90	1,200	1,000	1,000
5104	LL rebate for state MAL's	825.00	200.00	464.00	200	625	625
5109	Membership Administration					3,700	3,700
5199	Office Costs						
Total 5100	Membership	7,547.90	5,550.00	5,770.90	5,550	12,863	13,125
5200	Direct service to LL						
5201	Regional workshops & Other Events	232.83	500.00			3,000	2,000
5203	Membership/field service committee	5,527.04	2,700.00	684.25	2,700	6,000	5,000
5205	Calls and visits to LL's	40.45	1,800.00	325.00	1,800	2,000	1,500
5208	Membership brochure	(16.91)	300.00		300	1,000	1,000
5215	Hope Washburn fund expense		100.00			75	
5210	Membership campaign		2,000.00		2,000	2,500	2,500
5220	MAL Support		200.00			1,000	1,000
5230	Outreach					500	500
5240	Campus Unit					500	500
5299	Office costs	34,473.93	20,000.00	24,380.27	20,000		
Total 5200	Direct service to LL	40,257.34	27,600.00	25,389.52	26,800	16,575	14,000
5300	Convention and Council						
5310	LWVMN Convention						
5311	2001					6,000	
5312	2003		13,000.00				
Total 5310	LWVMN Convention	7,128.42	13,000.00		0	6,000	0
5330	LWVMN Council						
5331	2002	250.00	100.00	2,934.94	1,400		3,000
5360	LWVUS Convention						
5361	2002	75.00		2,927.50	5,000		4,000
5380	LWVUS Council						

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		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
		Mar 31,2000	1999-2000	Dec-00	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
5381	2001	849.61	4,000.00			3,000	
5399	Office costs	6,818.66	6,000.00	10,243.14	6,000		
Total 5300	Convention and council	15,121.69	23,100.00	16,105.58	12,400	9,000	7,000
5400	Publications/communications						
5410	MN Voter						
5411	Voter Committee	1,822.51	1,500.00	263.87	1,500	2,500	1,500
5412	Printing	4,658.20	9,000.00	4,905.47	9,000	10,200	10,500
5413	Postage	1,656.93	3,000.00	1,237.24	3,000	2,000	2,000
5415	LWVMNEF contribution - 1/3	(3,859.00)	(6,000.00)		(6,000)	(6,000)	(6,000)
5419	Office costs	4,302.44	1,500.00	6,173.80	1,500		
Total 5410	MN Voter	8,581.08	9,000.00	12,580.38	9,000	8,700	8,000
5425	Directory Listings	55.00		259.50			
5480	Other publications	45.00					
5481	Publication costs	20.00	25.00		25	100	100
5483	Calendars	187.50	200.00		200	200	200
5489	Office costs	498.52	125.00		125		
Total 5480	Other publications	806.02	200.00	259.50	350	300	300
Total 5400	Publications/communications	9,387.10	9,200.00	12,839.88	9,350	9,000	8,300
5500	Action/affiliations						
5510	Action and program committee	3,971.70	6,000.00	110.00	6,000	6,000	5,500
5520	Lobbying and monitoring	981.45	12,000.00		12,000	12,000	11,500
5530	Program for Action	343.28	400.00			500	
5540	Resource materials (Sem & Conf)	16.00	100.00		100	300	300
5550	Seminars/conferences		200.00		200		
5560	Coalitions and affiliations	366.00	500.00	416.00	500	600	600
5570	Women come to the capitol	200.00	200.00		200	200	200
5580	Organizational Dues	300.00		200.00		300	300
5599	Office costs	14,948.12	20,000.00	7,616.52	20,000		
Total 5500	Action/affiliations	21,126.55	39,400.00	8,342.52	39,000	19,900	18,400
5610	Mental health						
5611	Contract - non-league expenses					20,000	
5612	LWVMN cost reimbursement						
Total 5610	Mental health	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	20,000	0
5700	Program Support						
5701	LWVUS					100	100
5702	Study/Consensus					100	100
5799	Office Costs						
Total 5700	Program Support					200	200
5800	Other expenses						
5810	Product sales						
5811	Cost of products	471.13				500	500
5812	Office costs	955.20		500.88			
5813	Product Discount			11.00			
Total 5810	Product sales	1,426.33	0.00	511.88	0	500	500
5820	Copier business				250		
5821	Direct costs	184.53	200.00	145.09	200	150	150
5822	Office costs	43.94	50.00	124.80	50		
Total 5820	Copier business	228.47	250.00	269.89	500	150	150
5830	Fundraising Letter						
5831	Direct Costs			1,373.61		1,500	2,000

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		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
		Mar 31,2000	1999-2000	Dec-00	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
5832	Staff Costs			363.43			
Total 5830	Fundraising Letter			1,737.04	0	1,500	2,000
Total 5800	Other expenses	1,654.80	250.00	2,518.81	500	2,150	2,650
6000	Administration						
6010	President and board	5,310.34	6,500.00	124.36	6,000	6,000	6,500
6015	Conferences for board		1,000.00		1,500	1,000	1,000
6020	LWVUS DPMs		650.00		650	525	525
6030	Budget committee		100.00		600	50	300
6040	Nominating committee		100.00		600	50	300
6050	Bylaws committee				500		50
6060	Office management committee	2,465.00	1,500.00	2,614.08	1,500	2,500	2,500
6070	Communications Committee					1,000	1,000
6090	Strategic planning						
6099	Office costs	35,326.83	32,000.00	22,484.58	32,000		
Total 6000	Administration	43,102.17	41,850.00	25,223.02	43,350	11,125	12,175
6100	Operating expenses						
6110	Payroll expenses	148,002.06	177,060.00	111,040.81	184,220	196,100	201,983
6120	Payroll taxes	13,283.28	14,620.00	9,602.04	19,040	17,649	18,178
6130	Employee benefits	16,296.15	22,720.00	12,008.67	25,915	24,164	24,528
6140	Staff training	694.84	1,000.00		1,000	1,000	1,000
6200	Office rent	6,566.30	7,200.00	5,387.85	7,200	8,100	8,500
6210	Telephone	5,900.73	5,500.00	4,868.19	6,000	6,500	6,500
6220	Insurance	788.99	1,000.00	5,475.51	1,100	2,500	2,500
6225	Small equipment	250.80	200.00	250.80	200	300	300
6230	Equipment rental / mtn.	3,731.98	3,500.00	2,633.17	3,500	3,600	3,700
6240	Copier rental / mtn.	6,804.73	6,700.00	4,891.82	6,700	6,700	6,800
6245	Copier supplies	341.80	2,000.00		2,000		
6250	Office supplies	3,731.44	3,000.00	2,704.90	3,500	4,000	4,000
6255	Computer software and supplies	942.10	4,150.00	803.68	9,650	2,500	2,500
6260	Internet service provider	320.00	250.00	470.00	250	500	500
6270	Postage and shipping	5,282.96	8,000.00	4,311.07	9,000	6,500	7,000
6285	Bank charges	215.87	100.00	296.55	100	400	400
6288	Finance charges						
6290	Audit and accounting fees	2,462.50	2,200.00	2,585.00	2,200	2,700	2,800
6299	Miscellaneous	139.17	200.00		200		
Total 6100	Operating expenses	215,755.70	259,400.00	167,330.06	281,775	283,213	291,189
6300	LWVMN Office cost alloc.	(97,053.65)	(79,675.00)	(72,032.51)	(79,675)		
6999	Uncategorized Expenses	133.44					
	Total Expense	257,033.04	326,675.00	191,487.78	339,050	384,026	367,039
	Net Income	(14,302.91)	0.00	(7,955.83)	(300)	0	0

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
EDUCATION FUND
DESCRIPTION OF BUDGET CATEGORIES, 2001-2002, 2002-2003**

INCOME

Local League Accounts

- 400 Local League Deposits - for deductible contributions from individual and corporate donors to Local League accounts administered by LWVMNEF.
- 490 Interest on Local League Deposits - income to LWVMNEF. Note: EF no longer charges 5% fee for administration of Local League grants.

Unassigned Contributions

- 500 Members and Non-Members (Annual Appeal) - figures
&
505 reflect total goal of \$60,000 for 2001-2002 and \$65,000 for 2002-03.
- 510 Corporations, Foundations - unrestricted or undesignated contributions for general support of EF.
- 515 LWVMN - donation of office services to EF budgeted at -0-; whether LWVMN contributes services or not is determined at end of fiscal year. .
- 520 Interest - on checking account.
- 525 Member non-cash contributions - donation of mileage, baby-sitting, other expenses by volunteers.
- 526 Permanent Endowment interest, to accumulate until \$100,000 goal is reached.
- 528 Special Fund - gifts to permanent endowment.
- 530 Gifts to Board directed Fund.
- 532 Legacy Circle luncheon - income to cover costs associated with annual luncheon.
- 535 Fundraiser - gross income figure for precinct caucus "non-event fundraiser" in winter, 2000 (not done)
- 536 Fundraiser - gross income figure for dinner/speaker fundraiser, Spring, 2002. Net: \$24,000
- 565 Building Rent - payment from LWVMN for 40% of office rent.
- 580 Misc./Copier/Notes - Misc. income from small copier; not budgeted because very small.
- 590 Memorials/Honors - not budgeted because we cannot anticipate the amount.
- 591 American Express charges
- 592 Postage & Handling - reimbursement for shipping, mailing costs
- 593 Sales Tax - reimbursement for sales tax paid on LWVMNEF publications and products

Program/Misc. Projects

- 1024 Nineteenth Amendment - LWVMN has served as fiscal agent for Minnesota Suffrage Garden at the Capitol—see # 1070 for 2001-2003.
- 1028 Choosing Judges - 1997-99 LWVMN study, grants to support research and publication; completed. in 2001-2002 a judicial independence project is planned through a pass-through grant from LWVEF and other sources.

- 1029 Choosing Judges – Sales of publication in 1999 - 2001.
- 1030 New Study/Grants - year 1-income to cover committee study expenses, development costs; year 2-income to cover publication printing and distribution costs.
- 1035 New Study publication sales – income from sales to be realized 2000-2001 fiscal year.
- 1038 Suffrage Video – Communications Committee has proposed adoption of a video on Woman suffrage in Minnesota
- 1039 Suffrage Video rental income
- 1045 Citizen Network, a project designed to build the League's technical capability and linkages with LLs and the communities they serve – first stages completed, next part incorporated in Citizen education project, #1742. Not budgeted for the 2001-2003 biennium.
- 1070 History – sales of 75th Anniversary history of LWVMN if completed; also reflects possible support for maintenance and educational efforts related to the MN Suffrage Garden.
- 1090 Building Better Communities - designed to strengthen local Leagues/communities, completed.
- 1091 LRP/Systems Analysis in 1999-01 biennium – Long Range Plan (*FutureTrek*) completed. Systems Analysis of communications, structure is taking place under website and other activities.
- 1092 New Century Campaign – a major fundraising campaign to raise funds for LWVMNEF endowment, improvements to MWB and new programs; this reflects income to support the costs of the campaign.
- 1108 Immigration – a major new project, using Study Circle model, to hold community discussions statewide, focusing on “Changing Faces, Changing Communities” as the theme. Project completed.
- 1109 Mental Health publication revision not carried out due to lack of time and financial support.
- 1200 *Indians in Minnesota* Sales – fifth edition is not yet published
- 1210 *Indians in Minnesota* Royalties - income from sales by our publisher, University of Minnesota; fifth edition is not yet published.
- 1230 Grants to cover final costs for the publication of the fifth edition of *Indians in Minnesota*. Most of the budget has been raised for project.
- 1233 *Indians in Minnesota* Interest - interest earned on grants restricted for this project.

Voter Service

- 1610 General Election Debate (U.S. Senate) - planning in 2001-2002; event(s) in Fall of 2002.
- 1620 Voter Guide Sales - marketed to corporations and through Local Leagues; plans include information on U.S. Senate, Gubernatorial/constitutional offices, Congressional candidates; planning 2001-02, sales income 2002.
- 1625 Voter Guide Grant - raise money to underwrite production and distribution of Voter Guides to the general public in 2001-02 & 2002-03.
- 1626 Primary Voter Guide Grant – to underwrite production and distribution of primary voter guide
- 1627 Primary Voter Guide Sales – during summer of 2002.
- 1629 Secretary of State 800 #/Election Hotline – modeled on 1998 project with Secretary of State; volunteers earn stipends for local Leagues, other non-profits by answering requests for election

- information. Did not happen in 2000 Election year. Dnet is electronic candidate forum/candidate information service, tailored to individual voters. Begun in Minnesota in 2000, we plan to expand throughout Minnesota.
- 1630 Election Hotline - operation in fall of 2002 (located at WCCO-TV in 1996, '98 and 2000).
- 1640 Voter Information: Flyers, PSAs, phone service - staff responds to requests for information from the public year-round both years.
- 1660 Citizenship Curriculum For Schools - "We've Got the Power: Skills for Democracy," English and Spanish editions, have been updated.
- 1661 Sales of curriculum packets - Spanish version
- 1662 Sales of curriculum packets - English version
- 1663 Sales from Elementary Curriculum
- 1664 Elementary Curriculum Grants to develop a parallel curriculum possibly in Spanish - no plans at present.
- 1665 Election Process Training - Voter Service Committee will develop Election Process training package to cover caucus, Primaries, General Election (might use existing videotape, depending on election schedule in 2002). See Expenses # 1682-83.
- 1666 Sales of above..
- 1672 Minnesota Compact - this was a \$47,000 project for 1998 election year—a coalition of organizations whose goal is to raise the level of political campaigns in Minnesota. 2000 Compact project had a lower profile.
- 1690 Local League Voter Service Projects: pass-through grants to LLs to do congressional and legislative candidate forums.
- 1691 Interest earned on Voter Service projects grants
- Citizen Information**
- 1700 Politics and Money - completion of Campaign Finance: Strategies for Success in the Midwest project. Completed.
- 1710 Spring Focus/Meals - in and out.
- 1711 Spring Focus/Admissions - fees for conference.
- 1715 Spring Focus/Grants - Scheduled conference for spring of 2000. A conference may be held in conjunction with new state study or the judicial independence project. See #1028.
- 1720 Leaders of Today and Tomorrow (LOTT) - program to interest and mentor women college students in careers in public policy; major focus on expanding programs to include programs for Girl Scouts, outreach to college campuses.
- 1722 Citizens in Action Conference/admissions, fees for conference.
- 1725 Citizens in Action Conference/Grants - held annually as training for citizen lobbyists, has been expanded to two sessions, one in St. Paul, one in Greater Minnesota
- 1726 *How to Make a Difference* sales. - revised in November of 1998 following elections, is a highly popular resource and sells well; updated with insert of corrections November of 2000 following election. To be redesigned and reprinted following 2002 elections.
- 1727 Grant to underwrite cost of revision of *How to Make a Difference*
- 1740 Publications/Audio Visual Sales - Misc. sale of videotapes plus postage and handling fees.

- 1742 Website redesign and maintenance is scheduled for both 2001—2002 & 2002-2003. Wells Fargo has underwritten an initial "audit" of our website.

EXPENSES

- 4000 Local League Grants - withdrawals from Local League accounts for Local League educational projects.
- 4095 Services/Local League Administration - office costs reimbursed to LWVMN for managing Local League Accounts - (MN Budget #4510).

LWVMNEF Administration

- 5002 Staff Development - fees for training, workshops for staff members.
- 5005 Development Committees - committee volunteer expenses for meetings to oversee fundraising projects.
- 5007 Annual Fund Drive - direct expenses for Annual Appeal/phonathon, printing, mailing. Etc.
- 5008 Annual Fund Drive Local League Earnings - solicitors receive fees for their Local Leagues for phoning prospects.
- 5009 Services/Annual Fund Drive - office costs reimbursed to LWVMN, project director becomes staff position (MN budget #4551).
- 5030 Other Direct Expenses - miscellaneous office costs.
- 5035 Fundraiser - fundraiser dinner in winter of 2002
- 5037 Services/Fundraiser - office costs reimbursed to LWVMN (Budget #4551).
- 5040 Services/General Administration - Office costs reimbursed to LWVMN (MN Budget #4551)
- 5045 Planned Giving Expenses - committee to plan a Planned Giving campaign both years; printing mailings.
- 5047 Expenses for annual luncheon.
- 5050 Planned Giving Services - office costs reimbursed to LWVMN (Budget #3010 and #4551).
- 5065 Building Rent - LWVMNEF pays rent for office space as partner/owner of building. EF pays 60%, MN 40% - see EF income item #565.
- 5067 Services/Building Rent - office costs reimbursed to LWVMN (Budget #4551). for time spent by staff on building management, scheduling issues.
- 5093 Sales tax paid on LWVMNEF publications sold.

Program Related Costs

- 7000 EF Board Expense - reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses such as mileage for volunteer Board of Directors for Board meetings, retreat, committees of Board.
- 7001 Conferences (Board) - fees for Board to attend conferences, workshops, training programs.
- 7010 EF Annual Report - report to funders, members and public about the programs of LWVMNEF.
- 7015 EF Legal Fees - budgeted as a contingency.
- 7020 Stationary and permanent Supplies - EF letterhead and envelopes; large mailing envelopes.
- 7025 Subscriptions and Resources - other fundraising workshops, memberships, newsletters.

- 7030 Audit - LWVMNEF requires a certified audit.
- 7040 Program Related Services - office costs reimbursed to LWVMN (budget #4531,4532).
- 7045 Costs associated with running New Century Campaign.
- 7050 New Century Campaign - office costs reimbursed to LWVMN (#4531,4532).
- 7059 1997-99, Long Range Planning; 1999-2000, systems analysis—see description for Income #1091. Completed.
- 7060 Services for staff support for systems analysis reimbursed to LWVMN (#4531, 4532).Not budgeted for 2001-03.
- 7061 Remove from budget.
- 7070 Health Care dialogue—a pass-through grant from LWVEF—some expense possible.
Program: Misc. Projects
- 10026 Expenses associated Judicial Independence project
- 10027 Services for Judicial Independence Project, 2001-2002
- 10028 New Study - direct costs associated with developing project and raising money in 2001-'2002; publications, conference (?) for 2002-03. Study adopted by LWVMN Convention '01.
- 10029 New Study Services – office costs reimbursed to LWVMN(#4521,4522).
- 10030 Communications Committee has proposed a video about suffrage in Minnesota, to be completed in 2001-02 year; alternative might be production of television program.
- 10034 Services for Suffrage video and/or cable television program
- 10070 75th History: Publication costs of history of LWVMN; costs associated with MN Suffrage Garden.
- 10073 75th History Services: office costs reimbursed to LWVMN (#4531,4532).
- 10090 Building Better Communities project completed, remove from budget..
- 10093 Services – remove from budget.
- 11008 Immigration/Study Circles – direct costs, including project director, facilities, mailing, travel, pass through grants to local Leagues. Completed.
- 11009 Services: office support provided to Immigration project reimbursed to LWVMN (#4521,4522). Completed.
- 11037 Website – redesign, maintenance.
- 11038 Services: office support provided to website.

Social Policy

- 12000 inventory number for 4th edition of *Indians In Minnesota* – remove from budget.
- 12030 Indians 5th ed. : direct costs for revising and publishing new edition of *Indians In Minnesota*.
- 12031 Services: office costs reflected in MN budget (#4521.4522).

Voter Service

- 16010 Debate 2002 (General Election) - most expenses in '2002-2003 year - candidate forums or debates would be held in fall of 2002 for U.S. Senate, Governor and Constitutional officers.
- 16011 Services: offices costs reimbursed to LWVMN (#s4521,4522)

- 16020 Voter Guide Direct Expenses - Start-up expense 2001-2002; Voter Guide ready for distribution by October 1, 2002.
- 16021 Services/Voter Guide - office costs reimbursed to LWVMN (budget #4521,4522).
- 16026 Primary Voter Guide: to be prepared summer of 2002 - timeline defined by new election calendar.
- 16027 Services: offices costs reimbursed to LWVMN (#s 4521,4522)
- 16028 Dnet: Planning and fine-tuning in 2001-02; fully operational by 2002 election.
- 16029 Services - office support for this project reimbursed to LWVMN (#4521,4522).
- 16030 Election Hotline - Planning and research, possible redesign in first year, carried out in 2002.
- 16031 Services - Election Hotline - office costs reimbursed to LWVMN (#4521,4522).
- 16040 Voter Information - direct costs for information provided to public - publications, some phone volunteer expense year round, but especially at caucus, and fall 2002 election season.
- 16041 Services/Voter Information - office costs reimbursed to LWVMN (budget #4521,4522).
- 16059 Inventory number for "Skills for Democracy" curriculum—free distribution.
- 16060 Curriculum - promotion costs for Spanish edition of "We've Got the Power".
- 16061 Services - office costs reimbursed to LWVMN (#4521,4522).
- 16063 Curriculum Free: Inventory # for free distribution of Spanish edition of "We've Got the Power."
- 16064 Elementary Curriculum - promotion for k-6 "We the People: Skills for Democracy."
- 16065 Services for Elementary Curriculum reimbursed to LWVMN (#4521,4522.)
- 16066 Inventory number for "We've Got the Power" English version curriculum.
- 16068 Promotion of "We've Got the Power."
- 16069 Services for "We've Got the Power" reimbursed to LWVMN (#4521,4522.)
- 16070 Election Process Training: 1999-2000 plan, and develop training packet to guide voters through 2000 election year. Expenses for production of video, pamphlet and Get Out the Vote packet. Omit, see #16082-83.
- 16071 Services - office costs reimbursed to LWVMN (budget #4521,4522). Omit.
- 16072 Minnesota Compact - planning in first year; bulk of project in summer, fall of 2002.
- 16073 Services - office costs reimbursed to LWVMN (budget #4521,4522).
- 16082 In-kind donation of production services for Election process video.
- 16083 Services - office costs reimbursed to LWVMN (budget #4521, 4522).
- 16090 Local League Congressional/Legislative Candidate forums - pass through grants to local Leagues and funds for project coordinator.
- 16091 Services - office costs reimbursed to LWVMN (budget #4521,4522)

Citizen Information

Note: 17000-17016: No Focus Meetings planned at this time.

- 17000 Politics and Money (Campaign Finance Survey) completed in first year.
- 17001 Service for Campaign Finance Survey reimbursed to LWVMN (#4521,4522).

LWVMNEF DESCRIPTION OF BUDGET CATEGORIES, 1999-2001

- 17005 Citizenship Training – direct expenses for development of materials, computer linkages, training, project director
- 17006 Services for Citizenship Training reimbursed to LWVMN (#4521,4522).
- 17010 Spring Focus – direct costs, most likely held in spring of 2000. Not planned for 2001-2003 year.
- 17011 Services/Spring Focus costs reimbursed to LWVMN (#4521,4522).
- 17020 Direct costs for Leaders of Today and Tomorrow program – project director, promotion, seminars.
- 17021 Services for LOTT reimbursed to LWVMN (#4521,4522).
- 17022 Citizens in Action/Meeting - planned for January 2002 and January 2003: facility, speakers, promotion, committee expense.
- 17023 Services/CIA Meeting - office costs reimbursed to LWVMN (#4521,4522).
- 17024 *How to Make a Difference*: costs for revisions and marketing of this guide for the citizen lobbyist, revised following November, 2002 election.
- 17025 Services/*How to Make a Difference* – reimbursement to LWVMN (#4521,4522).
- 17040 Publications/Audio Video Library - direct costs for meeting requests for our video tapes.
- 17041 Services/Publications - office costs: secretarial, postage for processing orders.
- 17043 MN 2001 Convention – costs related to educational speakers and materials.
- 17045 MN VOTER - reimbursement to LWVMN for EF share of Voter. Calculated by measuring actual column inches. See MN Expense #5415.
- 20000 Reserves - no money budgeted. Large designated grants for programs such as voter service activities have provided some financial stability. In addition, gifts to the permanent endowment (#528) are accumulating but are not predictable.

WORKING LWVMN EDUCATION FUND BUDGETS FOR 2001-2002, 2002-2003

		Actual 3/31/00	Budget 1999-2000	Actual 12/31/00	Budget 2000-2001	Budget 2001-2002	Budget 2002-2003
	INCOME						
	LOCAL LEAGUE ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION						
400	Local League Deposits	24,476.30	15,000.00	21,153.94	15,000.00	25,000	25,000
490	Interest LL Deposits	1,848.25	400.00	1,627.62	600.00	2,000	2,000
	SUBTOTAL	26,324.55	15,400.00	22,781.56	15,600.00	27,000	27,000
	UNASSIGNED CONTRIBUTIONS						
500	Members (An. App/ Mem)	39,623.29	40,000.00	30,399.24	43,500.00	40,000	43,000
505	Non-Members (An. Appeal/Mem)	20,115.00	20,000.00	11,806.12	23,500.00	20,000	22,000
506	In Kind Development			220.15			
508				(64.73)			
510	Corporations/Foundations	41,025.00	45,000.00	28,101.96	51,695.00	45,000	50,000
511	In-Kind Ads	4,730.00					
515	LWVMN						
520	Interest						
525	Member Non-Cash Contributions	1,635.47	3,000.00	455.03	3,500.00	3,000	3,000
526	Permanent Endowment	7,287.00					
527	Permanent Endow.\Interest	31.89	1,500.00	13,000.00	2,000.00	1,500	2,000
528	Special Fund - Endowment	9,123.20		13,125.84			
530	Board Directed Endowment						
532	Legacy Circle Luncheon	(342.00)	300.00	490.00	300.00	500	500
534	In-Kind Fundraiser	2,712.00					
535	Fund Raiser	22,241.72	6,000.00				
536	Dinner Fund Raiser	-	15,000.00		5,000.00	45,000	
546	In Kind P Giving	1,484.00					
548	In Kind Annual Report	5,000.00					
565	Building Rent/Repair	7,165.00	7,200.00	5,387.85	7,200.00	8,100	8,500
580	Misc./Copier/Notes	865.00					
590	Memorials/Honors		500.00	660.00	500.00	500	500
591	AMEX	(10.69)		(47.09)			
592	Postage & Handling	444.79	700.00	398.17	2,000.00	700	2,000
593	Sales Tax	57.96	300.00	4,221.54	1,200.00	200	4,500
	SUBTOTAL	163,188.63	139,500.00	108,154.08	140,395.00	164,500	136,000
	PROGRAM/MISC. PROJECTS						
1024	19th Amendment	1,540.10		2,294.68			
1028	Judges/Jud. Independence	15.00	500.00	173.10	250.00	10,000	
1029	Choosing Judges Sales	163.50	1,500.00				
1030	Ag. Study/New Study	1,350.00	12,000.00	1,560.00	21,000.00	15,500	20,000
1035	Ag. Study /New Studyt Sales				1,500.00		1,500
1038	Suffrage Video					8,000	
1039	Suffrage Video - rental					2,000	
1045	Citizen Network						
1070	75/19 Amendent		1,000.00		500.00	3,000	3,000
1089	Meals LRP						
1090	Build Bet. Com./Community Serv.	121.67		48.55			
1091	L R P/99-01-Systems An		14,000.00				
1092	New Century or Cap.Camp		45,000.00		-	47,671	45,000

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		Actual 3/31/00	Budget 1999-2000	Actual 12/31/00	Budget 2000-2001	Budget 2001-2002	Budget 2002-2003
1096	H. C. Grant			2,083.00			
	SUBTOTAL	3,190.27	74,000.00	6,159.33	23,250.00	86,171	69,500
1108	MH III/IV/1999-01- Immigration S	-	66,000.00		27,975.00		
1109	How MH III/IV Sales	-					
1110	Immigrations Grants	94,685.21		9,545.06			
1111	Study Circles Lunch	(3.12)					
1112	Immigration In Kind	23,100.00					
	SUBTOTAL	117,782.09	66,000.00	9,545.06	27,975.00	-	-
	SOCIAL POLICY						
1200	Indians in Minnesota-Sales*		1,000.00		1,000.00		
1210	Indians in Minnesota-Royalties*	57.90	2,000.00	204.43	2,000.00		
1230	Indians in Minnesota Study Grant*		15,000.00			2,500	2,500
1233	Indians in Minnesota Interest	1,391.61	1,000.00	1,357.63	300.00		
	SUBTOTAL	1,449.51	19,000.00	1,562.06	3,300.00	2,500	2,500
	VOTERS SERVICE						
1610	General Election Debates	20,000.00	8,500.00	40,000.00	33,750.00	20,000	60,000
1620	Voters Guide - Sales			33,649.04	40,000.00		30,000
1625	Voters Guide - Grant				2,750.00	5,000	10,000
1626	Primary Voter Guide Grant		5,000.00	10,000.00			10,000
1627	Primary Sales			22,224.94	4,000.00		25,000
1629	DNET/Sec'y State HLine		500.00		13,250.00	20,000	30,000
1630	Election Hotline			30,000.00	32,500.00	2,000	33,000
1639	In Kind Voter Information			10,000.00			
1640	Voter Info./CI Outreach		13,250.00	22,000.00	17,500.00	10,000	35,000
1660	Curr. Secondary/Spanish						
1661	Spanish Curr Sales	60.00	1,200.00	135.00	700.00	200	200
1662	Secondary Curriculum Sales	295.00	2,000.00	340.00	1,200.00	300	300
1663	Elementary Sales	208.00	1,200.00	525.00	1,200.00	300	300
1664	Elem Curr. (Curr III Elem. Grant)						
1665	Election Process Training	74.00	2,500.00	68.00		1,000	
1666	Election Video/Packet Sales	448.00	1,500.00	1,188.00	1,000.00	17,000	1,000
1667	Election Video In Kind	12,391.00					
1672	MN Compact	117.89	7,500.00	10,386.37	43,750.00	2,000	10,000
1690	LL Voter Service Projects	12,000.00	700.00		10,500.00	2,000	13,000
1692	Voter Service PJ Interest	1,061.05	1,000.00	2,493.27	2,000.00	1,000	2,000
1694	Voter Service Meals			(17.76)			
	SUBTOTAL	46,654.94	44,850.00	182,991.86	204,100.00	80,800	259,800
	CITIZEN INFORMATION						
1700	Politics/Money	561.50	4,250.00	55.65			
1701	P & M In Kind	3,800.00					
1710	Fall/Spring Focus-Meals-				800.00		
1711	Fall/Spring Focus-Admissions-				1,200.00		
1715	Fall/Spring Focus-Grants-				2,000.00		
1720	LOTT	15,576.47	30,000.00	11,464.86	30,000.00	30,000	30,000

WORKING LWVMN EDUCATION FUND BUDGETS FOR 2001-2002, 2002-2003

		Actual 3/31/00	Budget 1999-2000	Actual 12/31/00	Budget 2000-2001	Budget 2001-2002	Budget 2002-2003
1722	Citizens in Action-Admissions	650.00	1,000.00	40.00	1,000.00	3,000	3,000
1723	CIA In Kind	150.00					
1725	Citizen in Action-Grants	4,041.36	4,000.00		5,000.00	14,000	14,000
1726	How to Make a Difference Sales	2,122.70	2,000.00	355.00	2,000.00	2,500	7,500
1727	How to Make a Difference Grant				1,000.00	2,500	2,500
1740	Publication/Audio Visual Sales	612.77	1,000.00	2,375.67	2,500.00		
1742	Website design/Com. Fac.		52,000.00		-	25,000	47,000
	SUBTOTAL	27,514.80	94,250.00	14,291.18	45,500.00	77,000	104,000
	TOTAL LWVMNEF INCOME	386,104.79	453,000.00	345,485.13	460,120.00	437,971	598,800
	EXPENSES						
	LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS						
4000	Local League Grants	26,331.98	15,000.00	21,626.66	15,000.00	20,000	20,000
4095	Services - LL Administration	5,316.84	4,375.00	3,126.85	5,000.00	5,000	5,000
	SUBTOTAL	31,648.82	19,375.00	24,753.51	20,000.00	25,000	25,000
	LWVMNEF ADMINISTRATION						
5002	Staff Development	109.50	500.00	120.00	500.00	500	500
5005	Development Committees	1,274.46	1,000.00	248.65	1,000.00	500	500
5006	In Kind Devel			220.15			
5007	Annual Fund Drive	4,402.02	7,500.00	3,614.21	7,500.00	6,000	6,000
5008	Annual Fund Drive LL Earnings	1,375.00	2,000.00	775.00	2,000.00	2,000	2,000
5009	Services-Annual Fund Drive	10,176.83	14,000.00	6,536.10	14,000.00	12,000	12,000
5011	In Kind Ads	4,730.00					
5030	Other Direct Expenses	643.73	800.00	401.87	800.00	700	700
5034	In Kind Fundraiser Exp	2,740.20					
5035	Fund Raiser	19,285.25	8,000.00			16,000	
5037	Services-Fund Raiser	4,402.67	7,500.00	22.85		5,000	
5040	Services-General Administration	18,207.32	12,500.00	14,506.55	18,750.00	20,000	20,500
5045	Planned Giving Expenses	2,284.31	1,500.00	358.26	1,500.00	2,000	2,000
5046	In Kind P. Giving Expenses	1,484.00					
5047	Planned Giving Meals		400.00	(200.00)	400.00	500	500
5050	Services-Planned Giving	2,138.57	7,000.00	1,646.66	7,000.00	6,000	6,000
5065	Building Rent/Management	18,288.47	18,000.00	14,412.51	18,000.00	20,250	21,250
5067	Services-Building Rent	2,102.12	1,750.00	1,200.10	1,750.00	2,000	2,000
5093	Sales Tax	130.65					
	SUBTOTAL	93,775.10	82,450.00	43,862.91	73,200.00	93,450	73,950
	PROGRAM RELATED ADMINISTRATION						
7000	EF Board Expense	1,084.33	1,000.00	965.65	1,000.00	1,200	1,200
7001	Conferences (Board)		800.00		800.00	600	600
7010	EF Annual Report	2,955.95	1,500.00		1,500.00	3,000	
7011	In Kind Annual Report	5,000.00					
7015	EF Legal Fees & Bank Charges	260.43	200.00	190.35	200.00	200	200
7020	Stationary & Permanent Supplies	587.52	2,000.00	881.50	2,000.00	2,000	2,000
7025	Subscriptions & Resources	36.00	150.00		150.00	200	200

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		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
		3/31/00	1999-2000	12/31/00	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
7030	LWMNEF Audit	3,275.00	2,800.00	3,475.00	2,800.00	4,500	4,500
7040	Services-Program Related	8,860.44	34,200.00	6,194.06	37,500.00	20,000	10,000
7041	Program Related Bonus	1,980.00					
7045	New Century Campaign		25,000.00		-	25,000	25,000
7050	Services New Century Camp.	7.99	20,000.00		-	21,171	20,000
7059	L R P/Systems Analysis	22.95	8,000.00				
7060	Services-LRP/Systems Analysis	2,024.34	6,000.00	169.92			
7061	Meals LRP						
7070	H.C. Dialogue	213.10		36.81			
	SUBTOTAL	26,308.05	101,650.00	11,913.29	45,950.00	77,871	63,700
	PROGRAM: MISC. PROJECTS						
10026	Judicial Independence	116.00				5,000	
10027	Services Judicial Indenpence	32.00		4.00		6,000	
10028	Ag. New Study	1,136.09	1,000.00	669.16	10,000.00	1,500	9,500
10029	Services Ag/New Study	13,596.11	11,000.00	8,866.73	12,500.00	15,000	15,000
10030	Suffrage Video					5,000	
10034	Services - Suffrage Video					5,000	
10070	75th History/19th Amen.	400.00	250.00	1,835.55		1,500	1,500
10073	Services-75th History/19th Amend	1,217.97	1,000.00	1,847.05	250.00	1,500	1,500
10089	Services - BBC	511.98					
10090	Build Com/Community Services			38.73			
10093	Services - BBC	4,603.88					
11007	Immigration In Kind Exp.	23,100.00		1,600.00			
11008	MMH/ Immigration St. Circles	53,755.81	40,000.00	7,982.16	20,000.00		
11009	Services-MMH/ Immi. St. Circles	37,797.71	26,000.00	8,563.08	7,975.00		
11010	Immigration	2,580.60					
11037	Website/ Citizen Network	1,360.00		3,928.75		10,000	30,000
11038	Services - Website	1,735.07		2,956.14		15,000	17,000
11050	Financing State Government						
11052	FSG II Free						
11055	Services-Financing State Gov't	-					
11090	Bldg Better Comm	117.50					
11091	Services - Bldg Better Com	522.35		62.21			
	SUBTOTAL	142,583.07	79,250.00	38,353.56	50,725.00	65,500	74,500
	SOCIAL POLICY						
12000	Indians - 4th ed.	-					
12030	Indians in Minnesota - 5th ed.		10,000.00		1,000.00	5,000	500
12031	Services-Indians in MN 5th ed.	2,507.93	7,250.00	491.61	625.00	2,000	2,000
	SUBTOTAL	2,507.93	17,250.00	491.61	1,625.00	7,000	2,500
	VOTERS SERVICE						
16010	Debate (General Election)	13.20	500.00	15,170.57	15,000.00	5,000	40,000
16011	Services-Debate	2,839.47	8,000.00	9,140.08	18,750.00	15,000	20,000
16020	Voter Guide Direct Expenses			26,178.37	25,000.00		30,000
16021	Services-Voter Guide	2,546.00	2,000.00	7,965.58	13,500.00	5,000	10,000
16026	Primary Voter Guide			9,639.62	13,000.00		10,000

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		Actual 3/31/00	Budget 1999-2000	Actual 12/31/00	Budget 2000-2001	Budget 2001-2002	Budget 2002-2003
16027	Services-Primary Voter Guide		1,000.00		3,500.00		10,000
16028	Dnet - Sec'y State Hotline				7,000.00	10,000	20,000
16029	Services Dnet/SSH		500.00		6,250.00	10,000	15,000
16030	Election Hotline			16,911.23	20,000.00		20,000
16031	Services-Election Hotline	1,599.14	1,000.00	6,144.70	12,500.00	10,000	13,000
16039	In Kind Voter Info			10,000.00			
16040	Voter Information	306.97	1,000.00	3,827.46	5,000.00	1,500	5,000
16041	Services-Voter Information	9,978.70	12,250.00	29,700.42	12,500.00	15,000	30,000
16059	Skills for Democracy-Free	9.00					
16060	Curriculum Secondary Spanish	259.40	100.00	80.55	100.00	100	100
16061	Services - Curriculum Sec./Span	1,146.37	1,000.00	205.78	500.00	100	100
16063	Spanish Curriculum I Free	11.00					
16064	Elem Curr (Cur III Elementary)	118.50	100.00	390.57	100.00	100	100
16065	Services-Curriculum (III)	1,459.97	1,000.00	476.39	1,000.00	200	200
16066	WGTP free	9.00					
16068	WGTP English	364.14	500.00	425.56	500.00	100	100
16069	Services - WGTP English	1,521.19	625.00	476.42	625.00	200	700
16070	Election Process Training	1,128.70	1,000.00	1,013.00			
16071	Services - Election Process Train.	2,566.36	2,875.00	1,082.29	500.00		
16072	MN Compact	6.30	5,000.00	2,028.75	25,000.00		3,000
16073	Services-MN Compact	2,329.77	2,500.00	6,038.47	18,750.00		7,000
16080	Misc. Voter Service	157.38	200.00		1,000.00	1,000	1,000
16081	Services-Misc. Voter Service				1,000.00	5,000	6,000
16082	In Kind Viedo	12,390.00					
16083	Services - Election Video	461.83		249.83		12,000	
16090	LL Get Vote			7,424.50	8,000.00		8,000
16091	Services - LL Get Vote	1,379.11	700.00	6,202.01	2,500.00	2,000	6,000
16092	Election Video Inventory	(2,594.95)		360.00			
	SUBTOTAL	40,006.55	41,850.00	161,132.15	211,575.00	92,300	255,300
	CITIZEN INFORMATION						
17000	In The Pub Interest P&M	2,936.43	2,000.00				
17001	Services-P&M	4,896.59	2,250.00	323.51			
17003	In Kind P & M	3,800.00					
17005	Citizenship Training/ Outreach		25,000.00		-	1,000	1,000
17006	Services C T/Outreach	6.30	27,000.00		-	2,000	3,000
17010	Spring Focus				2,000.00		
17011	Services Spring Focus				2,000.00		
17019		150.00					
17020	LOTT	14,065.26	20,000.00	7,580.08	20,000.00	12,000	12,000
17021	Services LOTT	10,569.15	13,500.00	7,077.74	12,500.00	18,000	18,000
17022	Citizens in Action Meeting	864.80	1,000.00	14.85	1,000.00	3,000	3,000
17023	Services-Citizens in Action Meetin	6,664.11	5,000.00	2,146.42	6,250.00	10,000	10,000
17024	How to Make a Difference	1,160.68		18.90	2,000.00	1,000	5,000
17025	Services - How to Make a Diff	2,237.95	1,250.00	315.55	4,000.00	3,000	5,000
17026	Free Distribution - How to MAD	3,380.00					
17027	How to MAD Inventory	973.21		178.06			
17040	Publications/Audio Visual Library	1,867.58	500.00	1,082.00	1,000.00	1,000	1,000

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		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
		3/31/00	1999-2000	12/31/00	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
17041	Services-Publications/AV Library	2,094.56	500.00	1,819.00	625.00	1,000	1,804
17043	MN Convention		1,000.00			1,000	
17045	EF Share of LWVMN Voter	3,859.00	5,670.00		5,670.00	6,000	6,000
17046	Misc. Accts. Pay. (Auditor)						
	SUBTOTAL	59,525.62	104,670.00	20,556.11	57,045.00	59,000	65,804
20000	LWVMNEF Reserves						
	To spread to Admin. Reimb.						
	TOTAL LWVMNEF EXPENSES	396,355.14	446,495.00	301,063.14	460,120.00	420,121	560,754
	Net Income (Loss)	(10,250.35)	6,505.00	44,421.99	-	17,850	38,046

**Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors for the League of Women Voters of Minnesota
For 2001-2003**

LWVMN Officers

President: Carol Frisch, LWV Edina

First Vice President/ Voter Service: Stacy Doepner-Hove, LWV Minneapolis

Second Vice President/Voter: Mary Steen, LWV Northfield

Third Vice President/Action: Helen Palmer, LWV Minneapolis

Secretary: Jane Gilley, LWV Duluth

Treasurer: Connie Hondl, LWV Edina

LWVMN Directors

Citizen Information: Jeanne Matlock, LWV St. Paul

Communications: Karen Gochberg, LWV White Bear/North Oaks/Mahtomedi Area

Development: Judy Ham, MN Member At Large

Government Issues: Nancy Witta, LWV Minneapolis

Member Resources: Lee Humphrey, LWV Crystal/New Hope

Membership: Miriam Simmons, LWV St. Croix Valley

Program: Janet Gendler, LWV Minneapolis

Webmaster: Ady Wickstrom, LWV Arden Hills/Shoreview

Appointed

LOTT: Ellen Biales, LWV St. Paul

Past-President: Judy Duffy, LWV White Bear/North Oaks/Mahtomedi Area

Special Projects: Susan Weisbrod, LWV St. Croix Valley

New Study Chair: To be appointed after convention chooses the study.

Off-Board

Nominating Committee Chair: Andy Otness, LWV Edina

Nominating Committee Member: Jessie Harper, LWV St. Cloud Area

Nominating Committee Member: Karylynn Fronek, LWV Minneapolis

Budget Committee Chair: Liz Nordling, LWV White Bear/North Oaks/Mahtomedi Area

Appointed

Planned Giving: Joan Higinbotham, LWV Minneapolis

Technology: Diane Gibson, LWV Arden Hills/Shoreview

Report of the LWVMN Nominating Committee, 3/13/01

Jean Tews, Chair

Mary Dinneen

Kay Erickson

Rosemary Guttormsson

Susan Weisbrod

Proposed Amendments to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Bylaws

The LWVMN Board, at its March 21st Meeting, reviewed bylaw amendments proposed by the LWVMN Bylaws Committee and Local Leagues. The recommended bylaw amendments were approved by the LWVMN Board; also included in this report are amendments not recommended by the LWVMN Board.

The LWVMN Bylaws Committee members are Stacy Doepner-Hove and Jeanne Matlock, both members of the LWVMN Board.

Note: **Bold and underlined indicates recommended additions.** *Italics and in parentheses indicate not-recommended amendments.* Phrases in parentheses () indicate removal.

ARTICLE IV *Officers*

Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers.

- a)Two individuals may be elected to share one position, or two positions may be held by one individual elected to the dual-position office, **except that the offices of president and treasurer shall be held by two different individuals.**

Rationale: The duties and fiscal responsibilities of the League should not be in the hands of one person.

- b)In addition, the (*P*)president may appoint up to two members. . . .

Rationale: The word 'president' does not need to be capitalized.

ARTICLE V *Board of Directors*

Section 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy other than in the office of the president may be filled, until the next Convention by **appointment by the president and final approval by** a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. **The office of the president shall be filled in accordance with Article IV, Section 3 of these bylaws.**

Rationale: The new language clarifies the process for filling board vacancies.

Section 5. Regular Meetings. There shall be four regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The (*secretary, under the direction of the*) President shall notify each of the directors of all meetings at least one week. . .

Rationale: This amendment was not recommended because the manner of notification should be left to the president's discretion.

Section 6. Special Meetings. . . . Members of the Board shall be notified of the time and place of special meetings by personal telephone contact, (telegram) email or letter sent at least six days prior to such meeting. . . .

Rationale: Bylaws should reflect current communication technology.

Section 7. Leave of Absence. Any member of the Board of Directors may request a leave of absence from the Board of up to six months. This leave must be approved by a majority of the Board. When on leave, the absent Board member will not be included in the quorum needed for the Board to conduct business.

Rationale: This section was added to provide a process for those who must be absent for a prolonged period and also eases the required quorum in order for the Board to conduct business.

Section 8. Removal of Officers and/or Directors. At any regular or duly called special meeting of the Board of Directors, any one or more of the officers and/or directors may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Board of directors. Any vacancy to come of such removal shall be filled in accordance with Article V, Section 3 of these bylaws. Any officer and/or director whose removal has been proposed shall be given at least thirty days notice of intent to take such action and an opportunity to be heard at this meeting.

Rationale: This amendment allows for the removal from office of officers and/or directors due to such conduct as unexcused absences, misfeasance, malfeasance or dereliction of duty.

Section (7.) 9. Quorum

Rationale: Section 7 becomes Section 9 because of new sections 7 and 8.

ARTICLE VIII *Convention*

Section 1. Place, Date and Call. The president shall send a first call for the Convention to the presidents of the local Leagues **and State Unit chairs.** . . A final call for the Convention shall be sent to the presidents of the local Leagues **and State Unit chairs,** and the delegates at least six weeks before the opening date of the Convention.

Rationale: This amendment is recommended to give adequate notice to State Unit chairs in order to encourage their participation in Convention.

Section 6. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the delegates registered at the Convention provided that (not less) no fewer than ten local Leagues are represented.

Rationale: Change reflects correct usage. This amendment was proposed by the LWV White Bear/North Oaks.

ARTICLE IX

Council

Section 4. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of (not less) no fewer than twenty members other than the Board of Directors for the transaction of business at a Council meeting.

Rationale: Change reflects correct usage. This amendment was proposed by the LWV White Bear/North Oaks.

ARTICLE XI

Program

Section 3. Convention Action.

- c) Any recommendation for the Program submitted to the Board of Directors at least three months before the Convention, but not proposed by the Board, may be adopted by the Convention provided consideration is ordered by majority vote and (on a following day) the proposal for adoption receives a three-fifths vote.

Rationale: This would enable Convention to take place in one day.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA BYLAWS

As adopted by the 1947 Convention and as amended by the
1951, 1953, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1971, 1973, 1975,
1977, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999,
Conventions.

ARTICLE I

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. This state League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Policy

Section 1. Purposes. The purposes of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Section 2. Political Policy. The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Types of Membership.

- a) Voting members. Citizens at least 18 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues and LWVUS.
 - 1) individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League;
 - 2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large;
 - 3) those who have been members of League for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members excused from the payment of dues.
- b) Associate members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers

- a) The officers of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be a president, a first vice-president, a second vice-president, a third vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. They shall be elected by the Convention and shall hold office until the conclusion of the next regular biennial Convention or until their successors have been elected and qualified. Two individuals may be elected to share one position, or two positions may be held by one individual elected to the dual-position office.
- b) The officers of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall constitute the executive committee. In addition, the President may appoint up to two members of the Board to serve on the executive committee. The executive committee shall confer when immediate action is necessary and a meeting of the Board of Directors is not feasible, and shall in those instances have the powers and duties of the Board of Directors for planning and directing the Program and carrying out organizational responsibilities.

Section 2. The President. The president shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Directors unless the president shall designate another person to preside. The president may, in the absence or disability of the treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts or notes. The president shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the president and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Section 3. The Vice-Presidents. The three vice-presidents, in the order of their rank, shall, in the event of absence, disability, resignation or death of the president, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office. In the event that no vice-president is able to serve in this capacity, the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to fill the vacancy. The vice-presidents shall perform such other duties as the president and Board may designate.

Section 4. The Secretary. The secretary shall keep minutes of Convention, Council and of meetings of the Board of Directors. The secretary shall notify all officers and directors of their election and shall sign with the president all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office.

Section 5. The Treasurer. The treasurer or a duly appointed representative, shall receive all money due, shall be the custodian of such funds, deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse them only upon order of the Board of Directors. The treasurer shall present periodic statements to the Board at its regular meetings. The treasurer shall present an annual report, including a report of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Reserve Fund, to the Convention or Council. The books of the treasurer shall be audited annually and the report made available to the membership.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, eight elected directors and not more than eight appointed directors. The elected directors shall be elected by the Convention and shall serve until the conclusion of the next regular biennial Convention or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding eight, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office of the appointed directors shall expire concurrently with the term of office of the elected directors.

Section 2. Qualifications. Any voting member of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota can be elected or appointed to serve as an officer or director of this corporation.

Section 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy other than in the office of the president may be filled, until the next Convention, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the corporation with full power and authority to manage and conduct the same, subject to the instructions of the Convention. The Board shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program on selected governmental issues as adopted by the Convention. It shall accept responsibility delegated to it by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States for the organization and development of local Leagues, guidance of inter-League organizations, for the carrying out of Program and for promotion of finance programs in the local Leagues. Such local finance programs are requisite to further the work of the League as a whole, including transmission of funds toward the support of adequate state and national budgets. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Section 5. Regular Meetings. There shall be at least four regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President shall notify each of the directors of all meetings at least one week before any such meeting. No action taken at any regular Board meeting attended by three-fourths of the members of the Board shall be invalidated because of the failure of any member or members of the Board to receive any notice properly sent or because of an irregularity in any notice actually received.

Section 6. Special Meetings. The president may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board. Members of the Board shall be notified of the time and place of special meetings by personal telephone contact, telegram or letter sent at least six days prior to such meeting. At the time of a Convention the president may, and upon the request of five members of the Board shall, call a special meeting of the Board by handing the members of the Board a written notice of the time and place of said meeting.

Section 7. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of the members in attendance at any Board meeting shall, in the presence of a quorum, decide its action.

ARTICLE VI

Recognition of Local and Provisional Leagues and State Units

Section I. Local Leagues.

- a) Local Leagues are those Leagues which have been so recognized by the League of Women Voters of the United States.
- b) The Board of Directors shall recommend to the national Board of the League of Women Voters of the United States that it recognize as a local League any group of members of the League of Women Voters of the United States in any community within the state, provided the group meets qualifying standards for local Leagues as adopted by the national Convention.
- c) In the event of recurring failure of a local League to meet these qualifying standards, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota may recommend to the national Board that it withdraw recognition from the local League. All funds held by a local League from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. In the event the non-qualifying League is merging with another local League, its funds would go to the merged League minus a reorganization fee paid to and determined by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Section 2. State Units

- a) State units are those which have been so recognized by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.
- b) The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota has responsibility for the establishment of new Leagues. For this purpose the Board may organize a group in a community in which no local League exists and shall recommend the group for recognition as a state unit when it meets the qualifying guidelines as set forth by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Board of Directors.
- c) In the event of recurring failure of a state unit to meet these qualifying guidelines, the Board of Directors of the LWVMN may recommend that recognition be withdrawn. All funds held by state units from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

ARTICLE VII

Finance

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall commence on the first of April each year.

Section 2. Budget. The Board shall submit to the Convention for adoption budgets for the ensuing two fiscal years. These budgets shall provide for the support of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. The Per Member Payment amount shall be determined for the ensuing two fiscal years only by the delegates at the state convention. A copy of the proposed budgets shall be sent to each local League president at least six weeks in advance of the Convention. The budget shall be adopted by a majority vote of the delegates at the state convention.

Section 3. Budget Committee. The budgets shall be prepared by the elected chair and a committee which shall be appointed by the Board for that purpose at least six months in advance of the Convention. The treasurer shall be ex officio a member of the Budget committee but shall not be eligible to serve as chairperson.

Section 4. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution. In the event of a dissolution for any cause of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, all monies and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the absolute control of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of the United States, after the Board of Directors has paid or made provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal or mixed, which may at the time be owned by or under the control of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, shall be disposed of by any officer or employee of the corporation for such public, charitable or educational uses and purposes as may be designated by the then League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Section 5. League of Women Voters of Minnesota Reserve Fund. The fund shall contain the \$1,000 restricted principal of the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund and all other monies, securities and property of whatever nature, which the League of Women Voters of Minnesota may receive by gift, bequest or otherwise, which the Board of Directors may designate as reserve funds. Expenditures of monies from the fund and of interest earned on monies in the fund shall be for League purposes as may from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors subject only to restrictions which may have been imposed by the donor at the time the funds were received.

ARTICLE VIII

Convention

Section 1. Place, Date and Call. A Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be held biennially at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. The president shall send a first call for the Convention to the presidents of the local Leagues not less than four months prior to the opening date of the Convention fixed in said call. Thereafter the Board of Directors may advance or postpone the opening date of the Convention by not more than two weeks. A final call for the Convention shall be sent to the presidents of the local Leagues and the delegates at least six weeks before the opening date of the Convention.

Section 2. Composition. The Convention shall consist of the delegates chosen by the members enrolled in the local Leagues, and delegates chosen by members-at-large of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, as provided in Section 4 of this article; the presidents of local Leagues or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend; and the members of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Section 3. Qualification of Delegates and Voting. Each delegate shall be a voting member enrolled in a recognized local Minnesota League whose State Per Member Payment is paid or be an at large member of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. The State Board may make an exception in the case of proven hardship. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote only at the Convention even though the delegate may be attending in two or more capacities. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. The Convention shall be the sole judge of whether a delegate is qualified to vote.

Section 4. Representation.

- a) The members of the League of Women Voters of the United States who are organized into recognized local Leagues in the State of Minnesota shall be entitled to voting representation in the Convention as follows: Each local League shall be entitled to two delegates, in addition to the president of the local League or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend; these additional delegates shall be chosen by the local League. The members in each local League having more than twenty-five voting members shall also be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional twenty-five members or major fraction thereof belonging to said local League on January 1st of said year. The record in the state office of paid voting members as of January 1st of said year shall determine the official membership count for this purpose.
- b) Members-at-large of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be entitled to one delegate for each 25 members, chosen by a procedure determined by the Board of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Section 5. Powers. The Convention shall consider and authorize for action a Program, shall elect officers and directors, the Budget Chairperson, Nominating Committee Chairperson and two Nominating Committee members, shall adopt budgets for the ensuing two fiscal years, and shall transact such other business as may be properly presented.

Section 6. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the delegates registered at the Convention provided that not less than ten local Leagues are represented.

ARTICLE IX
Council

Section 1. Place, Date and Call. A meeting of the Council shall be held in the interim year between Conventions, approximately twelve months after the preceding Convention at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. A formal call shall be sent by the president of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota to the presidents of the local Leagues in Minnesota at least thirty days before the opening date of a Council meeting. Special meetings may be called in the event of extreme emergency.

Section 2. Composition. The Council shall be composed of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, the presidents of local Leagues or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend, and one delegate chosen by each local League.

Section 3. Powers. The Council shall consider Program, and methods of work and review the budget as submitted to the Board of Directors. The Council is authorized to change the Program only in the event of an emergency, provided that notice of proposed modification of the Program shall have been sent to the presidents of the local Leagues at least two months in advance of the meeting of the Council, and provided also that a two-thirds majority of the members of the Council present and voting shall be required to adopt the modification. The Council shall review the budget for the ensuing year and may modify it to meet current needs and shall transact such other business as shall be presented by the Board.

Section 4. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of not less than twenty members other than the Board of Directors for the transaction of business at a Council meeting.

ARTICLE X

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The chairperson and two members, who shall not be members of the Board of Directors, shall be elected by the Convention. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. Further nominations may be made from the floor of the Convention. The other members of the committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately after the Convention. Vacancies occurring in the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. The president of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall send the name and address of the chairperson of the Nominating Committee to the president of each recognized local League.

Section 2. Suggestions for Nominations. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall request through the president of each local League suggestions for nominations for offices to be filled. Any member may send suggestions to the chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

Section 3. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, directors, chairperson of the Budget Committee, and the chairperson and two members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to local Leagues at least six weeks before the date of the Convention. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Convention on the first day of the Convention. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any member of the Convention, provided that the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Section 4. Election. The election shall be under the direction of an Election Committee appointed by the president on the first day of the Convention. The election shall be by ballot, except that when there is but one nominee for each office, it shall be in order to move that the secretary cast the ballot for every candidate. A majority vote of those present and voting shall constitute an election.

ARTICLE XI

Program

Section 1. Principles. The governmental principles adopted by the national Convention and supported by the League as a whole constitute the authorization for the adoption of Program.

Section 2. Program. The Program of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall consist of:

- a) action to implement principles, and
- b) those state governmental issues chosen for concentrated study and action.

Section 3. Convention Action. The Convention shall act upon the Program using the following procedures:

- a) Local Leagues shall make recommendations for a Program to the Board of Directors at least three months prior to the Convention.
- b) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations and shall formulate a proposed Program which shall be submitted to the local League Boards at least six weeks prior to the Convention.
- c) A majority vote shall be required for the adoption of the Program proposed by the Board of Directors.
- d) Any recommendation for the Program submitted to the Board of Directors at least three months before the Convention, but not proposed by the Board, may be adopted by the Convention provided consideration is ordered by majority vote and on a following day the proposal for adoption receives a three-fifths vote.

Section 4. Council Action. The Council may change the Program as provided in Article IX.

Section 5. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Section 6. Local League Action. Local Leagues and inter-League organizations may take action on state governmental issues only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. Local Leagues may act only in conformity with, and not contrary to, a position taken by the League of women Voters of Minnesota and/or the League of Women Voters of the United States.

ARTICLE XII

National Convention and Council

Section 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office, shall elect delegates to that Convention in the number allotted to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Section 2. National Council. The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall elect delegates to the meeting of the Council of the League of Women Voters of the United States at its meeting preceding such Council meeting in the number allowed the League of Women Voters of Minnesota under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

ARTICLE XIII ***Parliamentary Authority***

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the corporation in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIV ***Amendments***

Section 1. Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, using the following procedures:

- a) Proposals for changes shall be submitted by any local League Board in Minnesota to the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota at least three months prior to the opening date of the Convention.
- b) All such proposed amendments together with the recommendations of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be sent to the presidents of local Leagues at least six weeks prior to the opening date of the Convention.
- c) The presidents of the local Leagues shall notify the members of their respective Leagues of the proposed amendments. Failure of a local League president to give such notice or failure of any member to receive such notice shall not invalidate amendments to the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

FINAL CALL TO CONVENTION

The 58th State Convention

of the

League of Women Voters of Minnesota

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Each local League shall be entitled to two delegates, in addition to the president of the local League or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend; The members in each local League having more than twenty-five voting members shall also be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional twenty-five members or major fraction thereof belonging to said local League on January 1st of said year. The number of delegates will be determined by the 2001 LWVUS roster submitted to LWVMN and LWVUS by January 14, 2001. Members-at-large are also entitled to representation of one voting delegate per 25 members. (*LWVMN Bylaws Article 8, Section 4*)

The LWVMN biennial convention will conduct statewide business such as electing officers, passing a budget and deciding on LWVMN program. There will also be workshops, networking opportunities, speakers, and lots of opportunities to learn more about the League. If you have questions, call Laurie Boche, Field Service/Outreach Coordinator, at the LWVMN office (651) 224-5445 or (800) 663-9328.

**The League of Women Voters of Minnesota Agriculture Study
Consensus Report
March 2001**

Introduction

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota believes that the state should encourage a system of sustainable agricultural production which provides safe, healthful food and which preserves and protects the state's human and natural agricultural resources and enhances the environment.

State policy should support research and technical assistance in farming practices and rural economies that improve the economic viability, environmental health, and quality of life of family farmers and their communities.

Consensus Results

1a. One of the goals of state agricultural policy in the MN Corporate Farm Law preamble is to establish the family farm as the most socially desirable mode of agricultural production, contributing to the stability of rural communities. Is this statement one with which you agree, disagree or have no consensus?

Consensus Vote Results: The LWVMN by an 84% vote agrees that the family farm is the most socially desirable mode of agricultural production, contributing to the stability of rural communities.

Participants thought there were a number of complex issues underlying this question. There was concern, for example, about the impact of industrialization and globalization in agriculture on the economic viability of family farms. These concerns notwithstanding, this vote reflects the view that family farmers are most likely to practice stewardship of the land in order to preserve it for future generations, and are most likely to participate in the economy and social life of their communities. And such farms are most likely to ensure diversity on the land which is highly valued. It is these values, rather than nostalgia, that warrant the support of family farms.

2a. Should the state of Minnesota provide support for all sizes of farms?

Consensus Vote Results: The LWVMN by a 72% vote opposes state support for all sizes of farms; however support for family owned, moderate and small farms is affirmed.

Specifically, as consistently stated in the comments, state support of corporate farms and of very large operations is not favored. (Although all of Park Rapids' votes were "yes" on this question and most of St. Cloud's, their comments clearly stated that they did not

favor state support for large farms at the expense of moderate sized and smaller farms. The existing consensus would, therefore, be stronger yet had their votes reflected their comments.)

2b. Should the state of Minnesota support research directed to moderate-sized farm operations?

Consensus Vote Results: The LWVMN by an 87% vote agrees that the state should direct research to moderate-sized farm operations (consistent with national position).

There were further suggestions that smaller farms also be included.

2c. Should the state of Minnesota provide support for beginning farmers?

Consensus Vote Results: The LWVMN by an 86% vote agrees that the state of MN should provide support for beginning farmers.

Comments from Leagues suggest examples such as education (both classes and on-site), technical assistance, loans, tax benefits, mentoring, and generally removing barriers to beginning farmers.

2d. Should the state of Minnesota provide support for innovative practices and crops for moderate-sized farms?

Consensus Vote Results: The LWVMN by a 93% vote favors state support for innovative practices and crops for moderate-sized farms.

2e. Should the state of Minnesota provide crisis supports based on need?

Consensus Vote Results: The LWVMN by a 75% vote agree that the state should provide crisis supports based on need.

Comments from Leagues indicate that this vote was based on the understanding that "crisis" refers to an event beyond the farmer's control such as a natural disaster (flood, drought, etc.).

3a. In relation to industrialized agriculture and consolidation of the industry, the state should favor agribusiness through government policy.

Consensus Vote Results: The LWVMN by a 77% vote opposes the state's favoring of agribusiness through governmental policy.

3b. In relation to industrialized agriculture and consolidation of the industry, the state should ensure access to markets for all producers.

Consensus Vote Results: The LWVMN by an 83% vote agrees that the state should ensure access to markets for all producers.

Comments suggest that Leagues care particularly that small and mid-sized farms have fair access to markets.

3c. In relation to industrialized agriculture and consolidation of the industry, the state should restrict size and ownership of limited liability corporate farms.

Consensus Vote Results: The LWVMN by a 75% vote agrees that the state should restrict size and ownership of limited liability corporate farms.

This question encompasses both the issue of liability and of size/ownership restriction. In regard to liability, comments indicated a particular concern that corporate farms should be liable for their share of losses, environmental damage, public health hazards, etc. In regard to size/ownership restriction, there was no consistent view expressed. Several comments admitted to confusion and lack of understanding about the law; others indicated opposition to the concept of limited liability corporate farms and to the Limited Liability Corporations Law itself.

3d. In relation to industrialized agriculture and consolidation of the industry, the state should monitor contracts.

Consensus Vote Results: The LWVMN by an 84% vote agrees that the state should monitor contracts.

Comments indicate a general sense that contracts should be monitored for the protection of farmers.

4a. Should Minnesota's agricultural policy include incentives for sustainable farming practices?

Consensus Vote Results: Yes by a 98% vote.

4b. Should Minnesota's agricultural policy include incentives for contributions to clean water and air, healthy soil and conservation of wildlife?

Consensus Vote Results: Yes by a 99% vote.

4c. Should Minnesota's agricultural policy include incentives for the preservation of agricultural land?

Consensus Vote Results: Yes by a 97% vote.

4d. Should Minnesota's agricultural policy include shared liability for environmental damage (caused by agriculture) between farmers and businesses under contract?

Consensus Vote Results: Yes by a 90% vote.

4e. Should Minnesota's agricultural policy include stricter standards for animal confinement operations?

Consensus Vote Results: The LWVMN by a 91% vote believes that Minnesota's agricultural policy should include stricter standards for animal confinement operations.

Some comments expressed concern for animal cruelty and exploitation. Others objected to practices which may impact human health such as sub-therapeutic anti-biotics, growth hormones, intensive feeding, and cramped conditions in animal confinement.

4f. Should Minnesota's agriculture policy include the promotion of exports?

Consensus Vote Results: The LWVMN by a 92% vote favors the promotion of exports conditionally, i.e., based upon the following principles:

- *That promotion of exports should not hold priority over promotion of a local/regional food system.*
 - *That U.S. exports should not destabilize the economy and food security of other nations (consistent with national League policy statement).*
- In addition, there is a significant concern regarding the high energy costs (fossil fuels) of the long-distance transport of food.*

4g. Should Minnesota's agriculture policy include research into genetically modified foods?

Consensus Vote Results: The LWVMN by a 91% vote supports research into genetically modified foods for the following purposes:

- **to ensure the long-term safety of GMO food and crops for people, animals and the environment**
- **to advance basic research knowledge (rather than commercial gain)**
- **to benefit sustainable agricultural practices**
- **to serve the public good.**

Comments suggest the need for caution; the need to understand the long-term effects of GM foods; and a concern that there be basic rules, guidelines and an ethical framework for such research.

4h. Should Minnesota's agricultural policy include support for niche market and value-added products (i.e., ice cream from milk)?

Consensus Vote Results: The LWVMN by a 79% vote agrees that the state should support niche market and value-added products.

The study committee passed a motion to drop this question from the report. The committee is persuaded that the terms "niche markets" and "value-added" products are misleading and, therefore, a consensus on this question would not be useful.

4i. Should Minnesota's agricultural policy support promotion of cooperatives?

Consensus Vote Results: The LWVMN by an 87% vote agrees that the state should promote cooperatives; however members differentiate between farmer-controlled cooperatives (which serve small and mid-sized farms) and those which function like big corporations. Member comments clearly support the former, not the latter.

4j. Should Minnesota's agricultural policy include affordable food products for all?

Consensus Vote Results: The LWVMN did not sufficiently support (65% and thus no consensus) an agricultural policy which would include affordable food products for all. Rather, there was strong support in the comments for the price of food reflecting its true costs (eg to the environment) and for farmers being paid fairly for what they produce. Many felt the question to be inappropriate in that it did not permit these issues to be addressed.

5a-h. Should the state of Minnesota support the following for rural communities?

Consensus Vote Results:

- a. infrastructure (85%)
- b. education (89%)
- c. livable wages for workers (82%)
- d. crisis assistance (79%)
- e. development of leadership skills (79%)
- f. community and regional planning (90%)
- g. networking with farmers and community leaders (85%)
- h. research into viable and sustainable rural communities (90%)

Education is seen to include programs in retraining, marketing, conflict resolution and continuing Extension outreach. Several comments point out the need for livable wages for farm workers. Members are particularly in favor of (f) community and regional planning, including a viable economic model.

The LWVMN believes that the state should encourage a system of sustainable agricultural production which provides safe, healthful food and which preserves and protects the state's human and natural agricultural resources and enhances the environment. State policy should support research and technical assistance in farming practices and rural economies that improve the economic viability of family farms, environmental health, and the quality of life of family farmers and their communities.

The LWVMN holds that the family farm (see *Note, p. 2*) is the most socially desirable mode of agricultural production, and contributes to the stability of rural communities. The LWVMN views family farmers as those most likely to practice stewardship of the land in order to preserve it for future generations, participate in the economy and social life of their communities, and ensure diversity on the land.

The LWVMN believes that state of Minnesota should support family-owned, moderate- and small-sized farms. Specifically, the LWVMN believes that the state should promote

- research directed to moderate- and small-sized farm operations
- support for beginning farmers
- innovative practices and crops for moderate- and small-sized farms
- farmer-controlled cooperatives which serve moderate- and small-sized farms

Further, the state of Minnesota should

- ensure access to markets for all producers
- provide crisis supports based on need (*"crisis" understood to be an event beyond the farmer's control such as a natural disaster*)
- monitor contracts for the protection of farmers
- ensure that corporate farms be held liable for their share of losses, environmental damage, public health hazards, etc.

In the interest of preserving and enhancing the environment, the LWVMN strongly favors a state agricultural policy which includes

- incentives for sustainable farming practices
- incentives for contributions to clean water and air, healthy soil and conservation of wildlife
- incentives for the preservation of agricultural land
- shared liability for environmental damage (caused by agriculture) between farmers and businesses under contract

Because of concerns for both animal and human health as well as ethical issues relating to the treatment of animals, the LWVMN believes the state should promote stricter standards for animal confinement operations.

The LWVMN believes that in order to promote the stability of rural communities, the state of Minnesota should support

- community and regional planning
- education (retraining, farm management, marketing, etc.)
- infrastructure
- liveable wages for workers
- crisis assistance
- development of leadership skills
- networking with farmers and community leaders
- research into viable and sustainable rural communities.

Exports should be promoted as long as this does not hold priority over promotion of a local/regional food system.

The LWVMN supports research into genetically modified foods if the purpose of such research is to ensure the long-term safety of GMO food and crops, to advance basic research knowledge, to benefit sustainable agricultural practices, and to serve the public good.

NOTE on terms used:

Family farm generally implies that the family owns and lives on the land, provides most of the labor, assumes the economic risk, and makes management decisions.

According to the Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture, sustainable agriculture seeks to balance three long-term goals:

- quality of life (to satisfy personal, family, and community needs for health, safety, food, and happiness);*
- environment (to enhance finite soil, water, air, and other resources);*
- economics (to be profitable).*

In any given situation, the most sustainable choice is the one where the net effects come closest to meeting all three goals.

To: Local League Presidents

From: Janet Gendler, Chair, LWVMN Judicial Independence Project, (612-920-3567, jhgendler@aol.com)

Date: March 23, 2001

JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE PROJECT

LWVMN is one of twelve local and state Leagues selected to participate in the LWVUS Education Fund's Judicial Independence Project. This project is generously supported by a grant from the Program on Law & Society of the Open Society Institute(OSI), including pass-through grants of at least \$2,700.

Program Manager Bob Echols has been hired by LWVUS to facilitate participants' assessment and education campaigns, to offer advice, and to get answers and information when needed. Funding for this project runs for this calendar year (January to December), making this a tight time frame for Minnesota's project.

March	Begin assessment of status of independent judiciary.
April-August	Complete assessment and develop strategic education campaigns.
Sept.-Dec.	Implement strategic education campaigns. Evaluate campaigns upon conclusion.

The first step involves completion of the assessment tool—answering a series of questions. The tool may be modified for our use, and many of the areas to be examined were covered by the study committee during the LWVMN Election of Judges study (1997-1999). In addition, we plan to ask a number of citizens to complete the survey and possibly conduct informal interviews and focus groups. We promised to seek input from the legislative judiciary committees, the judicial selection committee, the courts administrator, the state bar association, and other targeted stakeholders.

The completed tools will be returned to Bob Echols, who will evaluate them and help participating Leagues develop our strategic education campaigns.

League members and local Leagues can participate in any of several ways. Members can help conduct interview. They can receive final reports and be part of the education campaign in the fall, writing letters to the editors of local papers. Members and officers of local Leagues can attend LWVMN's Fall Focus, with workshops on preparing voter guides and candidate forums during judicial elections in 2002. Plans have begun for a public forum in the fall.

The LWVMN spends a lot of time educating the voters about the difference between a judicial election and an election for a candidate for representative government. Voters are both frustrated and angry about the lack of information, and many demonstrate a real misunderstanding about the nature and purpose of judicial elections.

This project is our opportunity to make a difference in understanding the purpose of judicial elections and the role of judges in our society.

Members interested in participating should call the LWVMN office (651-224-5545) or Janet Gendler